

## 39 REID DEDMAN

Georgia Southern football added a new recruit to their roster when Reid Dedman announced his commitment to the Eagles at the end of his high school career. He played as both a safety and outside linebacker while at Carrollton High School, where he racked up 211 total tackles, averaging 6.4 tackles per game. The 185-pound player had three interceptions under his belt. In his senior year alone, Reid averaged 12 yards from interceptions and 0.2 interceptions per game. He also had 30 solo and 22 assisted tackles for a total 52 tackles his senior season. He was named the 2016 times Georgian Defensive Player of the Year... A preseason all-state selection his senior season... Named first-team all-area and all-region his junior and senior seasons... Named first-team all-region as a sophomore. He is the son of Wally and April Dedman and has two siblings, Nicholas and Anna. He also received offers from Charleston Southern and Jacksonville.



In 2019-20, he played in four games, but was still able to redshirt... Saw action on 23 total snaps... Made his collegiate debut against Louisiana... Played nine special teams snaps against ULM and seven against Georgia State... Saw special teams action against Liberty in the Cure Bowl ... Made the Honor Roll in the fall and spring.

The Georgia Southern Eagles football program represents Georgia Southern University as part of the Sun Belt Conference under head coach Chad Lunsford. The Eagles have won six FCS national championships and have produced two Walter Payton Award winners. Georgia Southern University is a public research university in the U.S. state of Georgia. Its flagship campus is in Statesboro, and other locations include the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.



The story of how I met Wally Dedman and family is quite unusual and I won't take up space here to tell it as it has been published several times. You can read it in Volume 63 of the Dedmon Connection and if you have not heard it, I believe you will find it very interesting. Although I live in the same area as Wally and April and our paths have crossed, but to my knowledge we have not actually met in person since that memorable day which was over 20 years ago. One thing I believe is, if I need his assistance, he would be ready available to help and I hope he realizes the same is true if he needed me. I would like for us to get together and track our families to see exactly where we each fit in the old family tree. We both know the spelling of the surname does not determine kinship. Wally and April will celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th and we extend our congratulations. Their son, Nicholas is a Senior at the University of West Georgia College and is the college minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton and past president of the BCM ministries at West Georgia. Their daughter, Anna, is a Senior at Carrollton High School and is on the Cheerleading team.



**DEDMAN GOES TO  
FORT ORD  
PFC Raymond Dedman,  
RA 18 638 776,  
now stationed at  
Fort Ord, California.  
Dedman is from Nazlini, AZ**



Private First Class Raymond Dedman was reassigned back to Fort Ord, California after receiving training in small arms repairman at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland during the period 15 June 1962 through 2 Sept. 1962. PFC Dedman is presently attached to HQ Co USATC; and during Basic Training, USATC and Inf Fort Ord, PFC Dedman was with C 8th Battle Group 3rd Brigade. He came in as a three-year active serviceman.

Raymond hails from Nazlini, Arizona and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Dedman Sr.. As a small arms specialist. Raymond works in the Weapons and Equipment Pool under G4 staff section. Raymond has graduated from the US Army Ordnance School in Aberdeen, Maryland, earning an ordnance MOS (Military Occupational Specialty ). Raymond plans to enter the Navajo Police Force after his hitch with the Army. He comments "doing very good" with everything while serving in the Army at Fort Ord.

**Navajo Times , May 30,1963**

**Window Rock, Arizona**

PFC. DEDMAN is very envious of PVT. SHONNIE TESTAH, who has it made in the Army. PFC. Dedman claims that Shonnie goes to school during duty hours and has many friends on post including HOSTEEN GI JOE of Salinas. PVT. Shonnie is down in Camp Roberts, California, now absorbing the summer sunshine while the rest of us GI's at Ord are attempting to adjust to cold weather. PFC. Dedman says, "PVT. Testah very good trooper, him very good doing."... Sounds like a couple of Indians!

**Navajo Times , July 18,1963**

**Window Rock, Arizona**

It was May 25, 1961 at about the noon hour when I received the call from Jane that her father (Berlin Edward Glasscock) had just passed away. it is hard to believe that it has been 59 years this month when this great man returned to the dust from whence he came. He Passed away 70 days prior to his 51st birthday. He was a great example of a Christian man, husband and father. He served the Lord in many ways. He was an elder at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ in Flintstone, Georgia. I started attending that congregation in 1956, when I began dating his daughter, Jane. We were married in 1959. He had as much influence as anyone and more than most in the decision I made to become a member of the Church of Christ.



I remember my last visit with him when he was in the hospital following his heart attack. I was a draftsman at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama and had begun preaching some for the church at Paint Rock, Alabama, where Jane and I attended. He suggested I preach a Tent Meeting in his front yard, which bordered a main road and was about an acre lot. We made plans for that, which I did, but he passed away before it came to pass. I have often thought that had I never married Jane, he and I would have still been good friends. He was that kind of man.

I am reminded often of some of his "sayings" and recall the words of the bible concerning Able, "*Being dead, yet speaketh...*" Of course, we know that to be true as the words of many who have been gone even for centuries, are still spoken. I suppose Ben Franklin is quoted as often if not more than any mortal. Probably because of his "Poor Richard's Almanac", which was published in at least three languages. Also, there are many sayings we quote without knowing the origin. They have just been passed from generation to generation. The one I remember from Jane's father the most is, "*I had rather wear out than rust out...*"



We're still looking for Lulu Dedman. Loula V. Dedman, the daughter of Marcus L. and Martha Louisa Scarff Dedman died in 1939 in New Orleans near her sister's family. Her obituary recites a burial ceremony in her parents' plot in Vicksburg, but that cemetery has no record of her. The cemetery advised me yesterday that they will probe the plot to see if there is an unmarked grave in the plot -- they found the news obit rather convincing.

I looked for Lulu for about six or seven years before tracking her down to Indianola, MS, where she had moved with her husband after her father's death. I did not find a record of her death for several years, and then only with the help of another researcher. I thought I had found her, but there is a question about her grave. I suspect that the sister's family did not purchase a stone for Loula after sending her body from New Orleans to Vicksburg; but we will see.

Even if we find an unmarked grave, it doesn't mean it's Lulu; but I would be satisfied that it is.

It's funny how you come to know these people even when you never met them.

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### **BERTRAM DEDMAN NEW APPOINTEE**

#### **CHAIRMAN BURNS NAMES HIM AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COUNTY COMMITTEE**

Chairman John M. Burns has recently appointed Bertram C. Dedman as assistant secretary of the county democratic (regular) committee, and he has assumed his duties.

**The Columbia Herald  
May 10, 1912**



### **DOWN ON THE FARM...**

My best friend from the first grade lived in the "country" on a farm. One of our special things was to go home with each other on Friday after school and return on Saturday afternoon. For me it was a ride on a school bus that did not come with living in town. I learned of the many things that went on when you live on a farm.

One of which was separating milk. After milking in the evening the milk would be poured in the separator. This inventive machine separated the cream from the milk so the cream could be sold. This machine was not electric, in fact they may not even have had electricity at that time. So it was powered by people. Being the youngest of the young there, we didn't actually work with this machine. Our job was to dry the pieces of the machine after someone had washed them. As I remember there were something like 57 of these cups and that job fell to the two of us.

I do not know who did this when I was not there. I do not even know if this was a daily thing or just once a week when they would be going to town the next day. This cream was so thick you had to dip it with a spoon.

### **THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW...**

Fast forward eighty years, where I live in a facility which has been shut down for three months because of the virus issue. This means at times we were not allowed out of our apartment. Our food was brought to our door three times a day. Still is. Within the last month we have been allowed to be in the halls, wearing a mask and remaining six feet apart in a six foot wide hall.

How different life is now and as we all know it will never go back to being like it was two years ago, ten years ago, or eighty years ago. So let us count our blessings, one of which is all the genealogy research I have been able to do as I stay in my apartment.

*Marianne is the wife of the late Charles Edwin Deadmon and has been a tremendous help to me with the newsletter about the entire time of it's publication. She is an excellent proof reader and has provided me with much information...* -Leroy

## JOANN BOWMAN DEDMON



JoAnn Adell Bowman Dedmon, age 86, was born to parents, T.C. Bowman and Margaret Shepard Bowman in Denton, Texas on August 25, 1932. She passed away on the morning of Thursday, October 25, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. JoAnn leaves her loved ones with unforgettable memories

and loving stories. She will be sincerely missed by her loving family, devoted friends, and all the wonderful individuals who knew and loved her. There will be a memorial service at 12:00 pm, Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Highland Oaks Church of Christ located at 10805 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas 75238. Funeral arrangements for JoAnn Bowman Dedmon have been faithfully entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery, which is located at 13005 Greenville Ave., at the intersection of Restland Road, Dallas, Texas 75243, and can be reached at (972) 238-7111.

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## JAMES ALVIE DEDMON

GUNTER, Jan 21 -- Funeral services were held Thursday at Elmont, with burial in Van Alstyne Cemetery, for James Alvie Dedmon, 55, of Route 1, Gunter. He died Tuesday at his home. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Gwendalyn Chandler and Delores Simon; three sons, Bobby Lynn, Winford B. and Jimmy L. Dedmon; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Dedmon; and two brothers, including Gary Dedmon.

**Fort Worth Star Telegram,  
Fort Worth, Texas 22 Jan 1960  
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## FELIX MARVIN DEDMON

Felix Marvin Dedmon was born April 02, 1880, the son of John J. and Rachel White Dedmon. He passed away on August 20, 1957 in Van Zandt County, TX. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Alexander Hardin Dedmon. Other siblings were brothers, Bennett, Joseph, Moses, and a sister, Sarah. He was known by most who knew him as Marvin. He was large in stature and because of his love for children, he was often selected to play Santa Claus at community Christmas gatherings. To most children in the neighborhood, he was simply known as Uncle Marv. He was the first of the Dedmon Family to come to Van Zandt County in the very early 1920's. He married Ida May Woolverton Nolan. They had two sons, one was her son by an earlier marriage, James Nolan, and the other was John J. Dedmon, Jr.

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## VIRGINIA ANDERSON CUMMINGS

Mrs. Virginia Anderson Cummings, 85, of Dalton, GA, passed away Saturday March 23, 2013 at her residence.



She was born January 14, 1928, daughter of the late Robert G. Anderson and Sara F. Anderson and was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Cummings, Sr. and grandson, Mitch Cummings. Virginia graduated from Tunnel Hill School and Heiron School of Business in 1946. She went to

work at Hamilton Memorial Hospital getting her nurse license and worked for 44 years at the same hospital. She retired in 1993 and after retiring she worked for Whitfield Staffing and Dr. Bates Bailey cardiologist. Virginia is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Charles Cummings, Jr. and Robert W. "Bobby" and Liz Cummings; grandsons, Greg Cummings, Kevin Cummings, Chris Cummings and Trent Cummings; granddaughters, Cassie Cummings and Lacey DeDios; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Luanne Anderson, and Don and Sandy Anderson; sisters and brother-in-law, Doris Esquivel and Judy and Fielding Fetzer; special friends and neighbors, Carole and Don Stuart of Dalton; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 P.M. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary McPherson and Carole Stuart officiating. Burial will follow in West Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home on Sunday from 5 pm until 9 pm. At Virginia's request, in lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 W. Emery St, Suite 3, Dalton, Ga. 30720. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com) Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements.

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*Virginia was The wife of my 3rd cousin, Charles Cummings. I have vague memories of the Cumming family as they lived next door to my Uncle Robert and Aunt Edna Caphart when I was very young. Charles Father was Johnny Cummings and was known very well in the Whitfield and Catoosa County area as a Baptist preacher. In fact he performed the wedding ceremony for my parents. Johnny passed away in 1987 and as cousins often do we drifted apart and I have had no contact with them in several years. I have been unable to locate Johnny's grave. -Leroy*

## JEAN DEADMAN

DEADMAN, Jean Passed away in her 86th year on Thursday January 24th, 2008 at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Sidney Deadman. Loving sister of Betty Crumbie (Jack) of Beeton, Tony Bezaire (Mel) of St. Thomas, the late Donald (Marge) Deadman of Lisle, the late Elva Olson of Alliston and Arthur Jenkins (Gloria) of Scarborough. Sister-in-law of John Deadman (Isabel) of Baxter. Jean will also be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, great and great-great-nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday January 29th in the W. JOHN THOMAS FUNERAL HOME, 244 Victoria St. E. Alliston. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. If so desired, memorial donations made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Published in the Toronto Star from Jan. 26 to Feb. 25, 2008

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## RAYMOND "FISH" WILBUR DEDMAN

Raymond "Fish" Wilbur Dedman, 64, of Pahala, died on Monday, October 14, 2013 at Ka'u Hospital. He was born on February 7, 1949 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a fisherman and a former high school football coach. Private services will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 391, Pahala, Hawaii 96777. Survived by, daughter, Shanell Leilani Dedman of Ka'u; mother, Pele Hanoa of Ka'u; brothers, Palikapu (Lori) Dedman of Hilo and Pernell (Sophia) Hanoa of Ka'u; sisters, Georgia Dods of Ka'u and Elsa (Michael Alexander) Dedman of Hilo; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

## L.J. "JACK" DEDMAN



L.J. "Jack" Dedman, 88, of Sweet Home died Saturday. He was born to LeRoy and Frances (Hopkin) Dedman in Whatcom County, Wash.

Jack was a Merchant Marine during World War II. He then returned to the Bay City area and started work in a shingle mill. Jack worked in sawmills and made his way through Oregon with different mills, eventually making his way to Sweet Home working for Santiam Lumber, which later became Willamette Industries. He retired in 1979. Jack coached and was a Boy Scout leader in the 1940s. He loved watching sports and enjoyed clamming and crabbing, outdoors and gardening.

Jack is survived by wife Barbara Dedman; daughters Jacuque Violet of Bay City and Julie Dedman of Sweet Home; stepsons Bill Branch of Silverdale, Wash., and Wayne Morris of South Bend, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers and stepson Don Morris.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ at 18th and Long. Memorial contributions can be made to Sweet Home Fire Department Fire and Rescue or SafeHaven Humane Society in care of Workman & Steckly Funeral Chapel, 1443 Long St., Sweet Home, OR 97386.

Workman & Steckly Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

([www.workmansteckly.com](http://www.workmansteckly.com)).

**Albany Democrat Herald Oct. 31, 2006  
Find A Grave Memorial 56855484**

## LOUISE DEADMAN

DEADMAN - At Caressant Care Nursing Home on Monday, December 7, 2009. Eliza "Louise" Mary Deadman (nee Jones) of Woodstock in her 95th year. Born July 8, 1915 in Chepstow, UK, Louise came to Canada in 1926 with her family from Wales and settled in Princeton, Ontario.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas Deadman. Dear mother of Tom Deadman and his wife Connie of Mexico and Dianne Mott and her husband Warren of Verona. Loved grandmother of Bob, James, Cathy, Laura, Melissa, David and Tom and great grandmother of Crystal, Chelsea, Caleigh, Taylor and Leah. Dear sister of Frank Jones.

Predeceased by her daughter Louise Cameron and siblings William Jones, George Jones, Diana Laurie, Dorothy Chambers, Richard Jones and Joe Jones.

Louise was an active member at Old St. Paul's Anglican Church. As per her wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11 am at Old St. Paul's Anglican Church with Rev. Bruce Genge officiating. Interment to take place at a later date at the Anglican Cemetery.

Contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Old St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

**Online condolences at  
[www.longworthfuneralhome.com](http://www.longworthfuneralhome.com)**

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## JOANN DEDMOND



Evansville, IN - JoAnn Dedmond passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in Evansville, IN. She was born in Columbus, GA on December 5, 1935 to the late John and Willie (Kinnamon) Staten. She had her own childcare in her home and loved attending activities of her children and grandchildren. JoAnn loved shopping with her daughter and always made the best cookies.

JoAnn was preceded in death by husband of 62 years, Donald Dedmond; two brothers, Herschel Cooke and John Staten. She is survived by her daughter, Terri Porter (Roger); sons, Mike Dedmond (Audrey), Steve Dedmond (Kristy) and Todd Dedmond (Amanda); grandchildren, Cory Porter (Polly), Sara Porter, Arrika Taylor (Bryce), Max Dedmond (Sloane), Ryan Dedmond, Ben Dedmond, Beau Dedmond and Brooke Dedmond; great grandchildren, Aidan Porter, Veyda Dedmond, Vanna Dedmond, Taiya Dedmond; sister, Mary Elizabeth Morgan; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3:00p.m. officiated by Rev. Bob Cox and Rev. Art Christmas, at Alexander North Chapel, 4200 Stringtown road with burial in Sunset Cemetery at a later date. Friends may visit Sunday, June 7, 1:00pm until service time. The family understands during the pandemic if you are unable to come.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Community Central Church or American Cancer Society. Condolences may be made online at [www.AlexanderNorthChapel.com](http://www.AlexanderNorthChapel.com)  
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## ROBERT "BOB" GILBERT



Robert "Bob" Gilbert 75, of Ringgold passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. He was a lifelong resident of Ringgold and a member of Ringgold First Baptist church. Bob was a Mason and a member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and enjoyed working around the family farm.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Rita Irene Gordy Gilbert; father, Malen Gilbert; mother, Edna Dickson Gilbert Murry; step-father, Roy Murry; brother, James Gilbert; grandfather, George Dickson; grandmother, Pearl Templeton Dickson Vess. He is survived by his sons, Scott (Christina) Gilbert and Todd (Susan) Gilbert; siblings, Tommy (Sue) Gilbert, Frances Gilbert, Evelyn (John) Wilson; grandchildren, Cade, Callie, Zane, and Ariel Gilbert, Nathan Barbee, Marcus Knight, Mackenzie Knight; greatgrandchild, Finley Scott Barbee, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held in Anderson Memorial Gardens. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Ringgold, GA.

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## MAXENE DEDMAN



Maxene Dedman of Lake Wales passed away Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Lake Wales Medical Center.

She was born July 13, 1918 in Opdyke, IL to the late Thomas S. & Pearl (McCoy) Pace; and moved to Lake Wales from Mount Vernon, IL in 2002. She was a retired bookkeeper from Montgomery Ward and a member of the Logan Street Baptist Church.

Maxene was preceded in death by her husband, Fred E. Dedman; a daughter, Linda Lee Helsing; brothers, Robert Pace and Delbert Pace; and a sister, Alice Kelly. Survivors include her daughter, Carolyn Glasco (Roger) of Lake Wales and Marilyn Liles of Winter Haven; sister, Pansy Oppelt of Opdyke, IL; brother, George Pace of Fairview Heights, IL; 5 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

No local service are scheduled at this time, a graveside service and burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Mount Vernon, IL under the direction of Hughey Funeral Home.

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