

# The Dedmon Connection

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(Dedmon, Dedman, Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmond, Dedmond, etc.)



**Leroy Dedmon**

It is hard to believe that this is Issue #23. I remember the very first Issue of THE DEDMON CONNECTION. It was every bit of two pages long, published in March of 1988. I recently converted it to PDF format. I will eventually get them all changed. It prints out a lot better. The reader response to the CONNECTION has been overwhelming. It has provided a lot of family information to genealogy researchers. Here we are six years later and hardly a day goes by that I do not hear from one of my "cousins". It has been and continues to be exciting. I have made hundreds of new friends and gained a larger family. Of course, I have also experienced sadness and disappointment. We have lost several of our "clan" to death in the past six years. On the other hand we have had numerous births and weddings. Our family continues to grow. Let us hear from you...

## **TERESA CHARLENE DEDMON MARRIES CHRIS KUHN IN GATLINBURG, TN**

On December 12, 2003, in the presence of a small gathering of friends and family, Teresa Charlene Dedmon and Chris Ferrin Kuhn pledged their hearts to one another "till death do us part". The wedding took place in Gatlinburg, Tennessee the little tourist mountain town of the beautiful Smoky Mountains located in East Tennessee.

Teresa is the daughter of Thomas Gordon and Diane Sparkman Dedmon. Thomas (Tommy) is the brother of Leroy Dedmon and son of Ruby Dickson Dedmon. Diane is the daughter of the late Robert Henry and Ruby Mae Childers Sparkman. Chris is the son of Robert Henry and Patrica Smith Kuhn.

Attendants for the wedding were the maid of honor, Jennifer Diane Dedmon, sister to the bride and brides maids, Kym Dedmon Cochran, cousin to the bride and Kym's daughters, Jessica and Amanda Cochran. Richard Brandt was the best man to the groom.



(L-R) TOMMY AND DIANE DEDMON, TERESA DEDMON KUHN, CHRIS KUHN, JENNIFER DEDMON, DAVID GRANT (FRIEND OF JENNIFER), AMANDA, KYM AND JESSICA COCHRAN.

The newly married couple makes their home in Bexbach, Germany. Teresa, a 1993 graduate of West Georgia College completed her Master of Arts at the University of Maryland. Chris is a Mental Health Counselor at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany..

*Down  
Memory Lane*



*Send me your old stories or articles relating to the  
Dedmon Family. Come on!!! Dig into that old  
shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!*

I remember that afternoon as if it were yesterday, but the one thing I can't remember was why I got on the wrong bus that day. Anyway, it was in 1956, my junior year in high school. I sometimes rode that bus anyway as it ran a little later than my regular bus. It gave me more time to "hang around" with my friends after school. It just meant that I would have to walk about a mile. But, hey, I could run that in at least ten minutes!!! I didn't mind at all in those days. I ran quite a bit anyway as I was on the High School Football and Baseball teams. I was a pretty good runner, seems that I only missed the world record on running a mile, by only about five minutes....

Ok, now where was I? .. hmmm.. (thinking).. Oh, yes, I was on the wrong school bus... "Is that seat taken?", I asked of the cute little sandy haired girl with the pony tail. "No", she answered, so I sat down beside her. (now, I remember why I got on that bus in the first place)..

She was not exactly a new girl at school, as I had known her in elementary school from about the second grade (when she was in the first). She and her sister were friends with my sisters. However, for the past couple of years she had been in a private school in Chattanooga, known then as Chattanooga Bible School. It is now Boyd-Buchanan Christian School. Up until about that time, I never really paid attention to individuals with long hair. (In those days anyone with long hair was without a doubt a girl. How times have changed!!!) Actually, I was the shy, bashful type and preferred sports as my activity for leisure time. Anyway, this began a relationship that has continued 'till this day.

On April 5, 1959 Jane and I were married at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ in Flintstone, GA on a Sunday afternoon. That was forty-five years ago... Someone asked recently, "have you ever thought about divorce?" My answer was, "no, but Jane may have thought about murder a few times". When we said, "until death do us part", I wonder if she thought I would live this long?

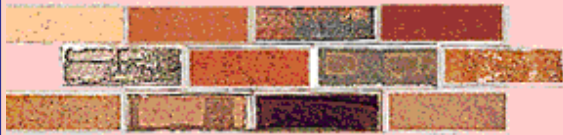
I will be the first to admit that to make a marriage work you have to work at it. Two people living together are going to have disagreements. Marriage is give and take. Someone said, "that means if he don't give it, just take it".... Which brings me to one of the things that works against a successful marriage... and that is selfishness. We are all born a little selfish and for a while, nothing is done to change that. Nobody gets their way or is paid more attention than a newborn baby. We do all we can to please them and make them happy. They learn how to get our attention and get their way early in life. The problem is that many never grow out of that.

Marriage is not the only relationship where selfishness is a problem. In fact this is true of most relationships. The work place, school, church, and friendships in general are all affected by it. As a minister, I tried to live by the principle, "you can have your say, but you may not always get your way".... That seems to work fairly well. In the home that becomes very important as even the children need to be able to have their say. Expression is a very important part of a healthy, well balanced person. Communication is listed as the number one problem in the family. How many times have I heard, "He/she, just won't talk to me"...

The text books teach that it takes about seven years for a couple to make all the necessary adjustments for a successful marriage. It is true that enough adjustment may be made during that time to help the relationship but don't think that all adjustment is over. Marriage is filled with adjustments. The very fact that you are now sharing (time, space, money, etc.) requires adjustment. In many cases children come to the relationship. Adjustment begins and does not stop for at least 25 years. Think about it.

First there is the physical care of the infant. Feeding, changing, nurturing, health concerns, and more. I don't know about you, but we didn't have much experience at being parents. Getting up in the middle of the night to prepare a bottle of milk or change a diaper was new to me. It made sense to take turns, but I was just not thinking when Jane said, "you take the first five years"! They start to school, then it is school and sports activities. You begin to feel like a taxi driver.. You even thank the day they get their drivers license. After that the dating game, then marriage, then grandchildren, then retirement, then.... then... does it ever stop...

## THE BRICK WALL



*I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the branches, please submit.*

**From:** Leslie Alarcon

[mailto:<Leslie710@adelphia.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 03, 2004 1:52 PM

**To:** gl dedmon@alltel.net

**Subject:** Re: Seneca Dedmon

Thanks so much for the info on Seneca Dedmon. I really appreciate it. Did you want me to send you more of the family information that I have on Seneca and Obedience? I guess no one really knows where he fits in and to which Dedmon family he belongs. There is a William Dedmon who was in Habersham County, Georgia next to Hall County and his name was on the list for a land lottery of 1827. Could he be a father or brother of Seneca? I'll send you an Email I received concerning Seneca. Thanks Again, Leslie

*Well of course I want you to send me more family info and thanks for what you have already sent. Seneca still remains a mystery. Go to THE DEDMON CONNECTION, volumes 9 and 20 for more information on the family of Seneca Dedmon. If we have it right, Seneca was born in Hall County, GA in 1799. Since his wife was born in NC, I am assuming he had family connections there also. Well.... at least I am certain they didn't meet through the internet. I am not sure which William was in Habersham County in 1827, that will be a good project for one of you good Sherlocks.... According to my information, Rebecca Deadman was in Hall County around 1820 - 1825. She had a brother named William. I have always suspicioned that Seneca was somehow connected to Rebecca and Clemith Cavender.*



SENECA AND MARY

*...Leroy*

**Name:** Robert "Bobby" Lee Dedman

**E-Mail:** [spywiz@msn.com](mailto:spywiz@msn.com)

**Location:** Lexington, Kentucky

**Comments:** I am the youngest of two sons of Charles Owen and Grandson of Owen Harris Dedman of Lexington, KY. I was born Aug 26, 1964. My brother Timothy Charles Dedman was born Apr. 23, 1962. I have two half sisters Amy Lynell and Pamela Louise that live in Colorado and Arizona, respectively. Not sure on the Bdays. My stepmother, Jackie, has done a tremendous amount of research on the Dedman line and self published a wonderful book several years ago. My thanks to you and all who spend long hours researching our past. I am a Firefighter in Lexington. Any other Firefighting Dedman's out there? Bobby Dedman

*(Good to hear from you Bobby. I do know your parents and appreciate the information on your family. Yes, Jackie has done a lot of research, but one of our "brick walls" is in this line. See volume 21, Page 3 ..... Leroy)*

**Name:** Alecia Ann Waymire (Bunn)

**E-Mail:** [okiemom\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:okiemom_77@yahoo.com)

**Referred By:** Just Surf'd In

**Location:** Poteau, OK

**Comments:** I'm the Daughter of Diana Waymire, daughter of Melba Kay Dedmon. Plz update my family if its possible. Married to KC Bunn 3 sons named Waylen Travis Alen Bunn, Wesley Bobby Dean Bunn, and William Cody Harley Bunn ...thank you so much!! this page is GREAT!!

*(Thank you Alecia, this is the way we get our information. I have added your children and would like more information such as the birthdays and anniversaries. Also, your sibling's families, etc. Since you descend from Abram O. Dedmon and Rachel Gentry, we are actually kin on both sides of the family. Rachel was my mom's grand mother's sister. There are several instances where the Dickson/Dedmon families connect... In fact there is a good possibility that Rachel and Abram were related ... yup, I was right, they were ninth cousins once removed. Whatever that means!!! This connection was one of our "brick walls" for a while, but no more.... Leroy)*



# DEATH NOTICES

## Claire Lyons Dedmon

(avid researcher of city history)

Claire Lyons Dedmon was born in a small farm town in western Illinois, but lived most of her life in Chicago and adopted the city as her own. She worked with a variety of civic groups, including the Chicago Historical Society, and helped her husband, former Chicago Sun-Times editor Emmett Dedmon, research his popular 1953 history of the city, *Fabulous Chicago*.

Mr. Dedmon, who died in 1983, was so impressed with her efforts that he dedicated the book to her, calling her "My Fabulous Chicagoan." "He was listed as the author, but she helped a lot," said the couple's son, Jonathan Dedmon. "She had a great affinity for Chicago's history."

Mrs. Dedmon died Thursday at her Chicago home after battling cancer and Parkinson's disease. She was 84. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Lake View Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. La Salle. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery

Mrs. Dedmon was born in 1919 in Geneseo, but moved to Chicago as a young child. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Northwestern University. She met her future husband when both worked at the former Chicago Times in the late 1930s. "She was the editor's secretary; my dad was a reporter," Jonathan Dedmon said.

Mrs. Dedmon was separated from her husband-to-be during World War II when he spent two years in a German prisoner-of-war camp. They were married when he returned to Chicago after the war.

Mrs. Dedmon was involved with a number of civic organizations for much of her life, including serving as president of the Hull House Association and the Guild of the Chicago Historical Society. She was a member of the women's boards of the Field Museum, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

While her husband spent his career as a newspaperman, Mrs. Dedmon generally steered clear of the business, with one notable exception. She entered the Sun-Times' contest to pick a new writer for the Ann Landers advice column in 1955, but a woman named Eppie Lederer was selected instead.

That might have worked out for the best because Mrs. Dedmon's husband was an editor at the paper at the time. "She entered, but it would have been very difficult with my dad working at the paper," Jonathan Dedmon said.

Survivors also include six nieces. Her husband died in 1983. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. La Salle.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Lake View Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont, followed by burial at Graceland Cemetery.

*(Emmett Dedmon was the son of Roy E. Deadman and Cora Frank and the grand son of Elijah Corbin Deadman, III and Alice Elizabeth O'Neal. He is another of several who show up as changing their spelling to DEDMON. My brother, Tom, recently bought one of his books off E-Bay. As the information to the left indicates, he was the editor of the Chicago Sun-Times...*

*In some future issue I would like to do a story of all the spelling variations and why? In the meanwhile, If you know of such instances please send me the information.*

*I would also like to feature on "FAMOUS DEDMONS". Of course, Emmett would be included in that list and being the sports fan that I am, Jeff and Lee Dedmon will definitely be included. Then there is Frank and Fred Deadman, who owned DEADMAN FUNERAL HOME. It was my privilege to know them personally. You can help by sending me names to be included in such an article.....*

*I also need your "Down Memory Lane" stories... I know the readers would love to hear about you..... Don't be bashful, send it to me...Leroy)*

# DEATH NOTICES

*(Some of the obits in this issue date back a couple of years, but I am including them anyway as they contain a wealth of info.... Leroy)*

**SHELBY - Mrs. Oveida Dedmon Pruett**, 96, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

Born June 4, 1905, in Cherokee County, S.C., she was a daughter of the late James Monroe and Florence Jane Botts Dedmon. She was a lifelong member of Ross Grove Baptist Church, where she taught the Cradle Roll Class for 25 years, served as secretary of the Mothers Sunday School Class for many years and served on the flower committee.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Decatur C. Pruett; six brothers, Thomas L. Dedmon, Rufus Dedmon, Alonzo Dedmon, Virgil Dedmon, George Dedmon and Spurgeon Dedmon; a great-grandson, Matthew Spangler; and two sisters, Kathleen D. Allen and Matilda Dedmon.

She is survived by two sisters, Sarah Glascoe and Annie Laura Dover; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Bill Spangler; a daughter and her fiancé, Helen Dover and Gene Spangler; grandchildren, Mark Spangler and his wife, Sandy, Barbara Rogers and her husband, Charlie, Susan Evans and her husband, Wee Dee, Tommy Spangler, John Dover and his wife, Sherri; great-grandchildren, Jeff Spangler, Christine Spangler, Rebecca Spangler, Victoria Spangler, Rachel Spangler, Chuck Rogers and Kelly, Ernie Rogers, Sasha Poston, Chad and Ryan Hendey; and great-great-grandchildren, Alyssa Rogers and Savannah Rogers.

The funeral is today at 3 p.m. At Ross Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. Gene Daggerhart officiating. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family received friends Sunday.

Memorials may be made to Ross Grove Baptist Church, 1225 Fallston Road, Shelby, NC 28150. Lutz-Austell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## SNYDER DAILY NEWS

<http://www.snyderdailynews.com/Stories/index.htm>

### **Thelma Dedmon (1909-2000)**

Thelma Dedmon of Abilene, aunt of R.H. (Hub) Evans Jr. of Snyder, died Thursday, July 27, at a local medical center. Service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. David Crumpton officiating. Burial was to be in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born on Nov. 24, 1909 in Nacogdoches County, Mrs. Dedmon moved to the Abilene area in 1927. She married Mac Dedmon in Abilene on Dec. 31, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of View Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Alfred Monroe Evans and Nancy Louella Clark Evans; three brothers, Albert Evans in 1993, C.B. Evans in 1998, and R.H. Evans Sr. in 1998.

Survivors include two nieces, Janice Smith of View and Nancy Heuerman of Merkel; two other nephews, Jim Evans of McAllen and Allen Evans of Thurber; and a sister-in-law, Katie Evans of Abilene.

Pallbearers were to be Hub Evans Jr., Allen Evans, Gary Heuerman, Jason Heuerman, Mark Smith, Tyler Smith and Gary Don Evans.

**FOREST CITY - Mr. Clyde Rufus Dedmon**, 68, of 121 C&S Circle, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, at home. A native of Lincoln County, he was the owner of C&S Mobile Home Park, former owner and promoter at Harris Speedway, and a charter member of Harris Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Yancey and Annie Mae Dillinger Dedmon. He is survived by his wife, Sadie Lou Putnam Dedmon; son Jerry Dedmon of Forest City; daughters Linda Ravan of Harris, Sandra Yarbrough of Lexington and Donna Donigan of Moorpark, Calif.; brothers Esper Dedmon of Harris and Verge Dedmon of Forest City; sisters Mabel Spicer of Spindale and Edith Holcombe of Gaffney, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Harris Baptist Church, with the Revs. George Whitmire and Terry Roach officiating. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the funeral. Burial will be in Rutherford County Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 Monday at Harrelson Funeral Home in Caroleen. Memorials may be made to Harris Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 182, Harris, N.C. 28074.



## From the Mail Bag

**From:** Eedyedgar@aol.com  
[mailto:Eedyedgar@aol.com]  
**Subject:** Re: Deadmon

Hi Leroy,  
I was glad to receive your e-mail. My computer crashed not long after I e-mailed you and am just getting back on line again. It was good to hear from someone who is also from the Deadmon Family Line. I was born in La Fayette, Ga., on Villanow Street and my Mother was born in Villanow, Ga., the daughter of Joseph Warren Cavender who was a long-time owner and operator of the Villanow General Store. He married the daughter of Dr. Adam C. Clements — Martha Clements (for whom my mother — Martha Eleanor Cavender) was named. I will have to check the family tree, but I think the mother of Joseph Warren Cavender was a lady from the Deadmon family. If I am correct on that fact, then she would be my Great-Great-Grandmother. I hope I remembered that right. Thanks for the info, Eddie Hightower

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**From:** [gldedmon@bellsouth.net](mailto:gldedmon@bellsouth.net)  
**To:** [Eedyedgar@aol.com](mailto:Eedyedgar@aol.com)  
**Cc:** [gldedmon@alltel.net](mailto:gldedmon@alltel.net)  
**Subject:** Re: Deadmon

Hi Eddie, I assume you have found my web site at <http://dedmon.org> or at least the information at familytreemaker.com... I am not at my home computer so I am replying to you and sending myself a copy. The Cavender/Deadman connection is part of my family.. When I return I will send you some information.... Leroy

*(I am quite certain that the ancestor of Eddie is in fact, Rebecca Deadman Cavender. However, I am not sure exactly how all this fits in.. I have a book on Rebecca that is very interesting. I have got to meet up with Eddie and exchange some information. There are lots of Cavenders still in North Georgia. See page 7 for a Cavender family photo. ...Leroy)*

From: [floyd-dedmon@juno.com](mailto:floyd-dedmon@juno.com)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2004 11:47 AM  
To: [gldedmon@alltel.net](mailto:gldedmon@alltel.net)  
Cc: [cpod0558@lv.rmci.net](mailto:cpod0558@lv.rmci.net); [ldedmon1@bellsouth.net](mailto:ldedmon1@bellsouth.net); [Glen-Kay-Enterprise@Juno.com](mailto:Glen-Kay-Enterprise@Juno.com)  
Subject: Re: newsletter

Thanks Leroy for the notification of the “Newsletter”. As always a great job! If you need any help at anything, I’ll do my best to help you if I can?

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I noticed the “Lebonon, TN.” Dedmon’s mentioned. I’ve met with William Lynn Dedmon, B. 1954 TN. & his wife last year when we were there! Swell people. His line ties with ours. John Lane Dedmon, Sr. b. 1788 NC. Yours is William D., B. 1790 NC, & mine is Thomas C., B. 1787, NC.

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Don’t know if you have this or not:  
William Lane Dedman’s widow, Mary, filed for a widow’s pension, application #W14610. William served in MASS Line in the Colonel’s Company of Col. Nixon’s regiment. He married Mary GREEN 13 March 1783 in South Reading MA per the Middlesex County Clerk of Court. They resided in Stoneham, Middlesex County, MA. William “occasionally went to sea” and died in Charleston, SC in 1789 or 1790. Also had brothers named John L. Dedman & Samuel Dedman

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Did I send you a Ged.com file on my line from Mark R.Dedmon to present? Thanks a bunch. Your Cuz, Floyd Dedmon, Alba, TX.

P.S.Anything I send you, feel free to use or post on the web as you deem necessary!

*(Floyd continues to be very helpful in the research of our family. There was some info in his article that I did not know. Thanks, Floyd... Since this email, he has sent me his lates gedcom file, but I have not examined it to discover all the new names he has collected. This retirement thing has been keeping me busy. Good thing I don’t have a job, wouldn’t have time to do it. ...Leroy)*



## CAVENDER FAMILY PHOTO

This was a photo taken in Villanow, GA. in 1933 at the old Cavender Home place. All four of Joseph Warren Cavenders daughters who survived childhood are present and also the wife of his son Judson Cicero Cavender.

Standing on the back row on the porch on the far left with pipe in mouth is Melville Warrenfells, who was the son of Minnie Cavender. Man on other side of column is unidentified (but a guess would be Melville's father, J. M. Warrenfells. The next adult with face in shadow is Robert (Bob) Collins Cavender, the youngest child of Judson Cicero and Flora Collins Cavender. The young boy in front of Bob Cavender is unidentified. Note that he is holding a violin and Bob has his arm around him. He might be a son of Maxwell Shahan who is the next man pictured who is holding a baby. The gentleman on the far right standing on porch is Joseph (Joe) Judson Cavender, the middle son of Judson and Flora. The lady who is seen in profile between Maxwell and Joe and who is leaning against the column is Flora Collins Cavender — wife of Judson Cicero Cavender.

The lady standing on the far left in front of column is Clementine Cavender Magill, the next lady is Minnie Cavender Warrenfells, next lady unidentified, next lady is Myrtis Cavender Shahan, the next lady seated on the top step is Rhoda Beck Castleberry, and she is to the left of the next standing lady Georgia Cavender Beck, the standing gentleman to the right of Georgia might be her husband B. W. Beck (but this is a guess).



The lady on the far left seated on the front row is Lillian Magill Barnett, next to Lillian is a gentleman with a child on either side, ( a guess is that the children are Lillian's and he is her father, C. H. Magill. The seated lady on the first row directly in front of Myrtis is also unidentified. The identifications of those pictured was made by Eddie Hightower, son of Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower, and Richard Llewellyn (Lew) Chapman, Jr.

I hope that those of you who can help with additional identifications will please do so. Thanks,  
-- Eddie Hightower

*(Thank you very much Eddie for submitting this very interesting photo. I know there are hundreds of other photos lying around in shoe boxes and scrap books just waiting to be published. Don't be bashful folks, follow Eddie's example... Send them to me, share with the world. In the words of our faithful researcher and cousin Danny McBee, "We are going to find you one at a time". ...Leroy)*

# APRIL 5, 1959

## CHATTANOOGA VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Flintstone, GA



### “All The King’s Men”

(L-R) Jimmy Cooper, Joe Perkinson, James Watkins, Leroy Dedmon, Tommy Gilbert, Charlie Lail

Three of Leroy’s best friends were selected as ushers. Joe and Charlie were classmates of Leroy from the first through the twelfth grade (Joe passed away a few years ago). Jimmy was just a grade above, but was a friend from church as well. The best man was Tommy Gilbert, Leroy’s first cousin. The minister was James Watkins, who had been the preacher at Chattanooga Valley, but had already moved. He baptized Leroy in 1957.



### “You Have Our Blessing”

(L-R) Berlin and Cynthia Glasscock, Jane and Leroy Dedmon, Ruby and Gordon Dedmon

Both sets of parents were very kind and accepting of their offspring’s selection of mate. There has never been any mother or father-in-law problems in the forty five years of marriage. Of the four, only Leroy’s mom is still living and doing well at 92 years.

I recently told someone that Jane and I have had 25 happy years of marriage bliss.... They replied, “you got married in 1959, that’s 45 years, can’t you figure better than that?” I replied, “so maybe I missed a year or two... ok, thirty happy years!!!”



### Jane and Leroy at age 19

but they were mature for their age!!

Married at 19, they were parents at 21, grandparents at 44 and great grandparents at 61. When you marry young and your children marry even younger you at least enjoy your grandchildren and great grandchildren a lot younger. The 45 year union has produced two children (Gary and Gwen), three grandchildren (Carrie, Greg and Jonathan) and two great grandchildren (Masie and Curt). Leroy still says the tail lights look as good as the head lights on their children’s cars.



### “The Queen’s Court”

(L-R) Connie Buff, Ann McCall, Ruth Dedmon, Jane Glasscock, Ruth Glasscock, Carolyn Dedmon

Jane stayed with family members in the selection of her supporting cast. Connie Buff, the flower girl, several years later married Bill Dedmon, Leroy’s brother. Jane’s sister, Ruth was the maid of honor. The bride’s maids were Leroy’s sisters, Carolyn and Ruth and Ann McCall, who married Leroy’s cousin, Tommy Gilbert. They were the first couple for which Leroy preformed the ceremony.



### “The Journey Begins”

“Jane and Leroy have left the building”  
Actually the building has left them as the congregation now meets elsewhere.

Forty five years later, Jane and Leroy are still walking out the aisle of church buildings to meet guests. Having preached for six congregations in more than forty years they have grown accustomed to the exercise. Leroy says he plans to walk out until he is rolled out.