

# The Dedmon Connection

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LEROY DEDMON, EDITOR

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone, but here we are beginning the year 2006. I believe I will pour out the water we saved for the Y2k scare as it seems that nothing is going to happen. It is also hard to believe that I am entering into my third year of "retirement". I have always heard that "time flies when you are having fun", so I must be having a ball.

I have not heard from many of you in a long time, so how about sending me some information on the family. Pictures of activities and "new borns" (I always wonder about that phrase, as it would seem that all births are new). Birthdays and anniversaries make for good news and with the new digital cameras it is easy to send them to me.

We need to have another reunion if there is enough interest. Let me know what you think. Maybe some of the Arkansas bunch could host one this year (hint!! hint!!) Sooooooowee, Sooooooowee....(My imitation of calling a Razor Back Hog in the Ozarks....)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January has two important birthdays in my family. My mom and my sister Carolyn. Mom turned 94 on January 8. We are well blessed with the longevity of mom's life. These last three years



RUBY DICKSON DEDMON

have been priceless to me as I have been able to live here with her. Carolyn reached the "ripe" old age of ###% on January 11. If my memory serves me right, she is only one year behind me. However, that will change

on June 27 when I become a year older. In fact there is just eight years separating me and Bill, my youngest brother. Five kids in eight years wow!!!! Carolyn is married to Claud Price and they have three children: Kenneth, Susan and Mark.

It is kinda ironic that Jane's mother was born on January 7 and of the few people I know named Viola, two of them were my mother and mother-in law. Mom is Ruby Viola Dickson Dedmon and Jane's mom was Cynthia Viola Shirley Glasscock. Of course, mom shares her birthday with a fairly famous singer named Elvis (who by the way has connection in our family tree). Hurrah!!! Hurrah!! (My imitation of a not so enthusiastic redneck.....)

My grandfather also had a birthday in January. Olan Vess was born on January 11 (which is the same as my sister, Carolyn). He lived to be almost 100 years of age. he was born in 1898 and died on April 13, 1997.



CAROLYN

Also, Maye Belle (Dedmon) Armstrong's birthday is on January 11. May Bell is one of the Arkansas family members. She is the daughter of Herman August Dedmon. I met Maye Belle at the last reunion.



MAYE BELLE ARMSTRONG



## Born in a brush arbor

**Dr. Stan Norman Star Staff Writer**

SHELBY - A list of the charter members of Ross Grove Baptist Church reads like a Who's Who of Shelby history. The cemetery is filled with tombstones bearing the names **Dedmon**, Weathers, Blanton, Spake, Bridges, Cornwell, Sperling, and more.

Ross Grove was actually started over 122 years ago when in August 1878, a revival meeting was held in a brush arbor near the site where the present church now stands. The brush arbor meeting resulted in the organization of a Sunday School in the spring of 1879 which met in a log barn.

The Ross Grove School was a one room building equipped with benches made of split logs and a long writing table.

In 1880, Abel and Lettie Ross Hardin donated 15 acres of land to build a church and a 26 x 36 feet one room building was erected. The grove was named in honor of Lettie Ross Hardin and Ross Grove Baptist Church was founded.

A new building was built in 1905 and Sunday School rooms were added in 1935. In 1943, the church was completely remodeled with new pews, paneling, furniture, a baptistry and stained glass windows. Rest rooms were added in 1947.

"I've been going here since my mother started bringing me to church in 1922, the year I was born," said **Hal Dedmon**. He says his first memory of the church was a Christmas pageant in which the three kings were portrayed by his father, **Thomas L. Dedmon**, George E. Sperling and Joe E. Blanton. Dedmon said he remembers the costumes in the play were simple bathrobes furnished by each actor.

"The first Christmas tree I remember in the church was a holly tree," Dedmon said. "It was full of red berries and that was the only decoration we had."

The fellowship building was built in 1952 and the parsonage was completed in 1956. In 1961 plans were completed for a new church building. Ross Grove has now been moved from its original site in the grove to the present location on Highway 18 North. The windows in the top front of the present church were moved from the old church, Dedmon said. The old bell has also been given a place of prominent display beside the fellowship hall.

The present education facility was completed in 1969 and in 1985 a ground breaking ceremony was held for the present sanctuary, which was dedicated in 1986. The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 420 people and includes offices for the pastor, secretary, youth and children's director, dressing rooms, a dining room and much more.

**Mrs. Ovedia (Dedmon) Pruett** is one of the oldest living members of the church. She has memories of Ross Grove that go way back to the old church. "I used to walk to Ross Grove Church from my home," Mrs. Pruett said. "That was about three miles each way but back then we didn't have any other way to go."

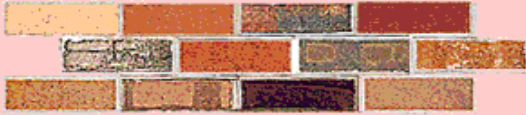
Mrs. Pruett said Ross Grove people have always been like family to her. "It think it's a real friendly church," she said, "and we have a real good Sunday School class."

Ross Grove Baptist Church now has a total membership of 243 people who carry on the work of the church under the leadership of the current pastor, Rev. Gene Daggerheart.

*(I was reminded of some of my early years when I read this article. One year "Santa" paid a visit to the church where we were attending. Us kids were disappointed that dad had to leave and was not able to see him. We also was amazed that Santa had on a pair of shoes just like the ones dad had been wearing.*

*Church was always a part of our lives. We were always the first to arrive and the last to leave. Even when dad was in the Army, we walked to the closest church. There is an old abandoned church building near where I am now living that was built on land donated by my great-grandfather, William Dedmon.)*

## 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 Deadman family branches, please submit.*

*(I received the following from Joe Power and am including it here, thinking some of you may have additional information.)*

Hi Leroy,

My name is Joe Power and while doing a Google search on my ancestors John Poor Sr. and Mary Holloway it came up with an entry on your web site. I've been unable to find the information you have on them. What I'm trying to do is find out who John (Poor) Power Sr. father was? I was thinking it was Nicholas Power III but I can't find anything saying that's true. I'm hoping you or someone can help me since you appear to have some information on my ancestors. Warmest Regards,

Joe Power  
Anaheim, CA

*(I replied with the following information)*

*Joe, Thanks for the inquiry and I apologize for the delay, but was out of town... My connection to the Power family is a brief one, dating back to the late 1700's when an ancestor married into that family... Here is what I have.. Good luck on your search.. Leroy*

### ***Descendants of Edward (Poer) Power, Sr.***

#### *Generation No. 1*

**Edward (Poer) Power, Sr.** - married **Rebekah Thompson**. Children of Edward Power and Rebekah Thompson are: **James (Poore) Power** and **Edward (Poer) Power, Jr.**

#### *Generation No. 2*

**James (Poore) Power** was born Abt. 1755 in England, and died Abt. 1811 in Bath County, KY. He married **Eleanor Deadman** Abt. 1783 in Old Rowan County (Now Davie County) NC, daughter of Edmond Deadman and Elizabeth Corbin. She was born 1754 in St. James Parish; Baltimore, MD, and

died March 1848 in Bath County, KY. Children of James Power and Eleanor Deadman are: **George (Poer) Power, James Jr. Power, Jeremiah Power and Absalom Power.**

#### *Generation No. 3*

**George (Poer) Power** was born February 18, 1798 in Fayette County, KY, and died in Sangamon, He married **Nancy Wilcockson** February 10, 1821 in Bath County, KY, daughter of William Wilcockson. Children of George Power and Nancy Wilcockson are: **William D. Power**, born May 1821 in Bath County, KY; died March 02, 1863 in Sangamon, He married Nancy J. Barnett January 06, 1843 in Sangamon, IL. **James E. Power**, born December 01, 1824 in Sangamon County, Illinois. **Jeremiah Power** married **Leah McCarty**. Children of Jeremiah Power and Leah McCarty are: Thomas Power. He married Cynthia Ann Wells., John T. Power. He married Dulcina "Dully" Igo.. Silas Power. He married Elizabeth "Bett" Spencer. Gilson Power. He married Amanda Lyons. Edward "Ned" Power. He married Erena Emma "Rennie". Culbertson.. Sanders Power. He married (1) Susan Warner. He married (2) Malissa Steele. Richard Power. Sanford Power. He married Elizabeth Maupin. Samuel Power. He married Louisa Lyons

#### *Generation No. 4*

**9. James E. Power** was born December 01, 1824 in Sangamon County, Illinois. He married **Laura Chord** 1878. She was born 1850. Child of James Power and Laura Chord is: James William Power, born October 16, 1879.

*The Power (Poer) (Poore) connection is through Eleanor Deadman, who was married to James (Poore) Power. Eleanor was the daughter of Edmond Deadman. It was good to hear from Joe even though it did not appear that I was very much help to him. It may be that some of you will have additional information that will help Joe.*

I am still looking for an editor for this page of the DEDMON CONNECTION. I believe it would add interest to the newsletter if more folks would participate in the publishing of it. I also would like for someone to edit the "Down Memory Lane" column. Any volunteers?????

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.....  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR CURT..**



It is hard to believe, but little Curt is now two years old. Curt is my great grand son and on the 23rd of December he celebrated his second birthday. I can sympathize with him on the date of his birth. He will always be overshadowed by the fact that Christmas is two days past his birthday.

The reason I know this is because my birthday is one week past Father's Day..... You guessed it!!! *"Here Dad, we got you this gift, for Father's Day, and since your birthday is next week, just consider this an early birthday present as well" .....* I have heard this for many years. Now don't get me wrong, I appreciate the gift and don't blame anyone as I am guilty of the same.

Just get used to it Curt. It will be OK!!! I do think my grand daughter is aware of that and so far has been having Curt's birthday in January. Keep it up Carrie, I know he will appreciate it.



*Curt Douglas Webb is opening packages containing gifts he received at his second birthday party. Carrie (my grand daughter) is helping. I am not quite sure who is the most excited, mother or son. Jane and I were unable to attend as I was preaching in Morrison, Tennessee on that day.*



It is difficult to get all the birthdays and so far in this issue I have listed several. On page one I mentioned my mother, Ruby Dedmon; my sister, Carolyn (Dedmon) Price; my grandfather, Olan Vess and Maye Belle (Dedmon) Armstrong. In the adjacent column I told about my great grandson, Curt Webb (although his birthday is in December.

Among the January birthdays in my good friend and cousin, Danny McBee, whose birthday is on the twelfth. When I think of those who have been encouragers to me in the Family Research Project, three come to mind: Jim Dedmon, Jackie Dedman and Danny McBee. Of course there are others, (Glenda Holcomb, Ruth and Jana Richard, and Floyd Dedmon) but they came later in the project. These three were there from almost day one!!!!

No one shows more enthusiasm than Danny McBee. My plans are to visit Danny over in Gastonia, NC. The one time that I thought I would be able to do that was when I traveled to Richmond, VA.



**DANNY MCBEE**

However, we passed through his town about one in the morning and I thought it best to let him sleep. Thinking back on it, I wish I had stopped. If the situation were reversed, I would want him to wake me.

In looking through my files I found this picture of Danny. As you can see that was many birthdays ago. His hair style is different as it looks as if he is now wearing his hair "heaven style", as there is no parting there".. Now I know you should not make fun of folks who is getting a little thin on top. Remember what happened to the boys who made fun of Elisha!

One bald headed man told me that, "brain and hair didn't mix". Me and my big mouth just had to ask him, "which one did you loose first?" That really was not very smart as he was one of the elders where I preached.



## *From the Mail Bag...*



From: Danny McBee  
[mailto:McBee49@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 1:58 PM  
To: gldedmon@alltel.net  
Subject: Re: December Newsletter  
Lerory, i red it verry carefullly and didn't fine eny  
mistekas. Cussin Danny

*As almost always I send a preview to some  
of my "regulars" asking them to proofread  
it before I release it to the public. Danny  
is showing his edjekesun by sending me this  
email. Of course, I had to answer him.*

**From:** Leroy Dedmon [mailto:gldedmon@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2006 6:02 PM  
**To:** 'McBee49@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: December Newsletter  
U r sich a deer cussin en I ham prud ta hab u es  
un..... Leory

Tuesday 01/24/2006 0:21:42am  
**Name:** David Dedmon  
**E-Mail:** pittdave79@verizon.net  
**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

Hi, I am the son of Steven Lee Dedmon, who is the  
son of Dwight Leland Dedmon. Much of my family  
hail from Oklahoma, although, I've only been to  
Oklahoma twice to see family. So, I don't really know  
much of my family beyond immediate family. I grew  
up in Lewistown, PA and have since relocated to  
Pittsburgh, Pa, and am certain myself and my wife,  
and my brother Steve's family, are the only Dedmons  
in this region of Pennsylvania. Just thought I'd throw  
this out there for you. Nice site. Dave Dedmon of  
Pittsburgh.

*I received this message from the guest book and  
was glad to hear from David. Of course his roots  
come back to the Chattanooga area and are very  
much a part of my branch of the "tree". Our  
lines connect with Mark and Hannah Dedmon.  
Mark was the first known relative to spell the  
name D-E-D-M-O-N.*

**From:** Jackie Dedman <:JackieD@citicom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2006  
**Subject:** The Cannons update

Thanks for your prayers for our friends, the Cannon's.  
They had to be at Moffett Cancer Hospital in Tampa  
at 7 a.m. this morning, surgery scheduled for 9 a.m.  
A few minuets before surgery the Surgeon had one  
last test of Mr. Cannons he wanted to look at. About  
10 minuets later the surgeon returned and told him  
he could get dressed and go home, last test shows  
**no** sign of cancer. Every since we heard the good  
news a verse from an old gospel song keeps playing  
in my heart," *It is no Secret what God Can Do.*"  
Be Blessed  
Love, Jackie

*Jackie had sent an earlier email requesting  
prayers on behalf of the Cannon family.  
I appreciate the update and agree, "It is no  
secret...." For some of the newcomers to our  
newsletter, Jackie was the originator of this type  
of publication. She began and published  
several issues of what she called, THE  
DEDMAN CONNECTION. When we first  
made contact with each other she had ceased  
publishing, but sent me some of the back issues.  
Jackie did it the old fashioned way (before  
computers). She printed and mailed her work  
to those who requested it. As you can imagine  
it was quite expensive. She encouraged me to  
begin the current, DEDMON CONNECTION,  
which is now in the eighth year of existence.  
I intend to put her issues on-line, but that is a  
job within itself as there are no files to copy. It  
all has to be entered into the computer. I have  
almost finished the first copy. Thanks Jackie....*

From: "William Lynn" <lidedmon1@bellsouth.net>  
Subject: Katrina Dedmon  
Hello Everyone, I can help with identifying Katrina  
Dedmon, mentioned in the obits of newsletter 43.  
She is my daughter, and she lives with myself and my  
wife Judy. Great job on the website Leroy, hope all  
is well with everyone. -Lynn Dedmon

*Thanks Lynn for the information. One of these  
days I am gonna pay you a visit when I am up  
in the Middle Tennessee area. I have to many  
loose ends to connect to the Tennessee Dedmons.  
-Leroy*

# DEATH NOTICES

*(I ran across these obits while searching the Nashville Tennessean. I have not had time to research where they may be in the "ole family tree", but I suspect they are part of the Middle Tennessee Dedmons)*

## Pearl Dees DEDMON

Nashville, TN - Pearl Dees DEDMON, Age 74, March 12, 2001 at her home. Memorial service 11 A.M. Thursday, March 15, 2001 at Hamilton United Methodist Church, 3105 Hamilton Church Road. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2008 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37203, Hospice of Tennessee, or Kentuckianna Childrens Home. **WEST HARPETH FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY.**  
**615-352-9400**

## Thomas Bernice DEDMON SR

Lebanon, TN, Wilson Co.-**Thomas Bernice DEDMON SR.** Age 92, died on June 28, 2005 Service 2 p.m. Thursday. Visitation 4-9 p.m. today. **PARTLOW FUNERAL CHAPEL.,**  
**615-444-7007.**

## Henry DEDMON

Kempville, TN - **Henry DEDMON** Age 91, Survived by wife, Lucille Witcher Dedmon; several nieces and nephews. Services 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home with Eld. James Thomas Gibbs and Bro. Kenneth Clayton officiating. Pallbearers: Ted Stamps, Doug Pipes, Phillip and Robert Fenton, Glenn Gibbs, Al Grisham. Visitation at the Hackett Chapel on Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday at the Carthage Chapel from 9 a.m. until services at 1:00 p.m. at the Carthage Chapel. Interment, Ridgewood Cemetery. **SANDERSON of KEMPVILLE. (615-774-2118)**

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

## Mary Jo DEDMON

Murfreesboro, TN - **Mary Jo DEDMON** Age 88 December 8, 2002 Chapel services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2002. **JENNINGS & AYERS, (615) 893-2422.**

## Audalee Shepperson DEDMON

Lebanon, TN, Wilson Co. - **Audalee Shepperson DEDMON** Age 91 died on June 5, 2005. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday. **PARTLOW FUNERAL CHAPEL,**  
**615-444-7007**

# ADDITIONAL DEATH NOTICES

*(These two obits date back a couple of years, and are not in the Tennessee group, but I am including them anyway as they contain a wealth of information....)*

## Mary R. (Dedmon) Miller

PLAISTOW, N.H. — Mary R. (Dedmon) Miller, 76, died Tuesday at her daughter's home in Atkinson. Born and educated in Salisbury, N.C., Mrs. Miller lived in Plaistow for the past 14 years. She leaves son Peter A. and his wife Chisako of West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughter Liza (Wells) Williams and her husband John of Atkinson; brother Donald D. Dedmon of Salisbury; four grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Private funeral services will be at Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Plaistow

## Meridith Merry DEDMON

SULLIVAN - Meredith "Merry" Elaine Dedmon, 65, died April 20, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer at an Ellsworth hospital. She was born April 26, 1938, in Sullivan, the daughter of Edward and Alta (Hanna) Martin. Merry loved to bird watch and garden. She was known for her beautiful flower gardens. She was a member of the Seabreeze Garden Club of Sullivan. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Frank; her daughter, Marni Larrabee and her husband, Wayne, of Sullivan; a son, Sheal Dedmon and fiance, Jeanette McGraw, of Dedham; a sister, Marjorie Brady and her husband, Peter, of Sullivan; a brother, Larry Martin, of San Francisco; seven grandchildren, Jason, Dylan, Cassidy, Logan, Jordan, Morgan and Aeva; and many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 10-11 a.m. Thursday,



...Just the  
**GOOD  
NEWS**

### Welcome New Associates



Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP is pleased to announce that 18 new associates have joined the firm. *(I am only listing one of them.... --Leroy)*

**Ty Dedmon** is an associate in the firm's Birmingham office where he is a member of the Litigation Practice Group. Ty graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2004, where he served as Acquisitions Editor for the Alabama Law Review. Prior to law school, Ty received his undergraduate degree from Samford University in 2001.

*I am almost certain Ty is the son of my good friend and cousin, Tim Dedmon. --Leroy*

### OTHER FAMILY LAWYERS

**Jim Dedman** (<http://www.jdedman.com>), I believe somewhere in Texas. He stays in touch with an occasional email.



Another in the Law Profession is **Kimberly F. Dedmon**, who is an associate with the James A. Freeman & Associates firm in Nashville, TN.

I also know of a **Dean Dedmon**, who is an attorney in the Jackson, TN area. I believe his office is in Dyersburg, TN.

**Dedmon, Shelly** (Self-employed/Attorney), is in Cleveland, OH

**Charles Dedmon**, is an assistant federal public defender in the District of Kansas.

**Jonathan Dedmon**, of The Dilenschneider Group in Chicago, IL, which represents the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

*I am sure there are others, so please let me hear from you so we can keep our information current... --Leroy*

### DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

There is the **Dedman** School of Law at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX <http://www.law.smu.edu> Since 1925, the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law has been an innovator in legal education. The first law school class graduated in 1928 with



eleven members. Today there are over 10,500 alumni living in every state in the United States and in over 70 different countries across the world.

### Arky Arakelian - Hal Dedmon are the first honorees of the City's Facility Naming Policy

On Monday, August 15th Shelby City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation to name City Park areas after two very deserving individuals. The current Junior League Baseball Field will now be called "Arky Arakelian Field". The late Mr. Arakelian was a huge supporter of Recreation Department and always gave his time and energy to help where ever needed. While he may be best remembered as a baseball, softball, basketball or football official, Arky was a regular around the Park offices and will always be remembered for his generosity and sense of humor. Arky's wife Shirley and family continue to sponsor "Arky's Clippers" in the Junior Baseball League. The area that surrounds the ballfields will now be known as "Happy Hal Dedmon Circle". Mr. Dedmon was a 1993 inductee in the FCA Cleveland County Sports Hall Of Fame and served as Assistant and Interim Director for Shelby Parks and Recreation from 1955 until 1967. During this time Hal was very instrumental in the development of youth sports programs and a co-founder of the Royster Golf Association. Known for his ever present smile, he was dubbed "Happy Hal" by his friends. The official dedication ceremonies will take place on opening day in May.

*I realize some of the articles I include in this newsletter are "history" as I find them on the internet. However, It is still newsworthy and a good way to preserve them. --Leroy*



*I am going to feature other related families to the Dedmons. Please send me information on your relatives. --Leroy*

## **Carl C. Whaley**

Mr. Carl C. Whaley, 92, of Dalton, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Regency Park Health Care.

He was born Sept. 7, 1913, in Whitfield County, son of the late B.C. and Lillie Mitchell Whaley and was preceded in death by his sister, Ida Chance; brothers, Hoyt Whaley, Rufus "Boots" Whaley; nephew, Mike Whaley and grand-nephew, Maverick Whaley.

Carl was a well-known and respected plumber for many years in Dalton, beginning with the Dalton Public Service Company and ending with the Dalton Service Company. Even after his retirement, he still made many calls to his many friends and relatives when needed. He was a faithful and loyal member of the Antioch Baptist Church from early childhood. His church and his family were his life.

Carl is survived by his wife of 68 years, Christine Dixon Whaley of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Wanda Whaley, Truman and Starr Whaley, all of Dalton; grandchildren, Mitchell and Holly Whaley of Lake Wylie, S.C., Cameron and Erin Whaley of Canton; great-granddaughter, Alexis Kristine Whaley of Lake Wylie; sister-in-law, Gertrude Whaley of Dalton; many nieces and nephews also survive.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. at the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilburn Thomas officiating. Burial will be in the Antioch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 2103, Dalton, GA 30722-2103 or to the Alzheimers Association-GA Chapter, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

*Carl's wife, Christine (Dixon) is a first cousin of my mother. She has been in a Nursing Home for several years as her health has been deteriorating. Their children, Edwin and Truman, still live in the Dalton area. Edwin attending the Dickson (Dixon) reunion in October. I remember as a boy visiting the Whaley family. Christine's brother, Harold Dixon, did a lot of research on the Dixon (Dickson) family before he passed away. His son Tate has his work. -Leroy*

## **Jack Bearden**

Dalton Daily Citizen

Mr. Jack Bearden, 64, of Rocky Face, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jason Bearden.

Mr. Bearden was a deacon and choir director at Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his loving wife of 45 years, Linda Bearden of the residence; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Karen Bearden and Terry and Kristy Bearden all of Rocky Face; mother and stepfather, Louise and Darrell Templeton of Rocky Face; two brothers and sister-in-law, Billy and Delores Bearden of Dalton and Bob Bearden of Rocky Face; six grandchildren, Shanna, Matthew, Kayla, McKayla, McKynli, and Jackson Bearden all of Rocky Face; also nieces and nephews.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Cliff Chambers and the Rev. Clyde Painter officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family received friends at the funeral home Friday. Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.julianpeeples.com](http://www.julianpeeples.com).

Funeral arrangements are by:

### **Julian Peeples Funeral Home**

Westside Chapel, Rocky Face.

For further information, call 706-272-9777

*Jack's step-father Darrell Templeton is a first cousin to my mother. His father, Elgin Templeton was my grandmothers' brother. Darrell was at the Dickson reunion last October. His brother Wayne Templeton is the closest to my age of the Templeton children. I have fond memories of spending time at the Templeton household. -LD*