

# The Dedmon Connection

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## .....BRING MAY FLOWERS

I believe it was the April showers that was supposed to bring the May flowers.. Anyway there are plenty of flowers here at the end of Dickson Road. I am still trying to learn the names of all the plants and flowers. I am beginning to know the difference between some of the flowers and weeds. Sometimes I wonder who decided what was a weed and what was a flower. I guess a lot depends on who has the weed eater in hand. Gwen (my daughter), visited the other day and came into the house laughing. "Why are you keeping that weed by the outdoor incinerator?" "I didn't know it was a weed", I replied. She insists that it is, but I am letting it grow as it looks pretty to me. I will let you know the results of this after it blooms (or not). It may have a beautiful flower....



## HUNT THOSE EGGS

We had a pretty day for the Easter Egg Hunt. Gwen and Carrie (my granddaughter) brought the kids up for the annual event. It is so refreshing to see the excitement of childhood for such things. Of course, the adults have about as much fun hiding and helping the "little ones" to find them. One would think if you hid them you could find them.... Not always true!!!! In fact one of the benefits of growing old is that you can hid your own Easter Eggs....

Pictured here are the three "hunters". (L-R) Masie Webb, Curt Webb and Cassidy Webb. Curt and Masie are my great grand children. Cassidy is their first cousin. They are as inseparable as siblings. The grass appears to be as tall as they are, but actually most of that is jonquils not yet in bloom.



Now they have moved to the other side of the pond to sit on the "Park Bench". You can still see the fish and also the home of the turtle just behind the bench. Cassidy and Masie have switched positions. Now Masie is on the right and Cassidy on the left. Over in the picture to the right Curt is showing his ability to operate heavy equipment. Just give him a dozier, tractor or a truck and he will be your friend for life.



Here they are taking a rest and gazing into the fish pond. There are six fish swimming around. I think they found all of them. Let's see, there is Roho, Amarillo, Rusty, Scarlett, Pearl and Roughy. Yep, now we see them...





## HIGH SCHOOL REUNION....

I can't really say that I have heard of a 49th High School Reunion... well, until now that is... My first thought was that they were not sure most of us would last another year. Anyway, when the call came from an old school mate, (I suppose any school mate of mine would be old) who said we were going to have a reunion, I naturally thought it would be in 2007. After all, we did graduate in 1957. So we we're going to have a 50th reunion. Wrong!! or at least partially wrong. We are going to have the big FIVE-O, but first the 49th.

I had to ask, "why this year, number 50 won't be until next year".... and then came the answer. It made perfect sense to me. "We got so excited in planning the 50th, we just did not want to wait another year", was the explanation from Susie Shambaugh (now Howard), "will you be able to attend?" "Will I be able to attend", I thought, "I have been waiting 49 years for this." Then she said it, "We are still going to have our 50th". That settled it for sure, that is history in the making. What other class can say they had a 49 and 50 year reunion? "I heard you were a preacher", she went on to say. "Well I am retired", I answered. "So what are you doing, just sitting around?", she quizzed. Ok, Leroy, just give the condensed version", I murmured to myself. After all, 45 years of preaching kinda conditions you for folks asking questions of which they really don't care about the answer.

So, I began the condensed version of "Life after retirement". My memory is not the best, but this is the way I remember it.... "I retired in 2003 and moved back to the Old Home Place here in Ringgold to take care of my mom who was at the time, 91 years old as dad passed away in 2002. I still preach some by appointment and hold a few Gospel Meetings and Workshops". I didn't figure she knew exactly what a Gospel Meeting was, but saw no reason to say Revivals. After all, it has been a while since I saw a Gospel Meeting become a Revival.

I figured there was not much real interest in what I was doing and decided not to go into detail about my involvement with Preaching The Gospel and the Gospel Broadcast Network. However, I did say, "and I do some after dinner entertainment". Well, at least she was listening to that and replied rather enthusiastically, "would you speak at our reunion?"...

Woah!!!! me speak to my graduating class of '57... me of all people... I was the shy one in High School. Becoming a preacher was probably the last thing I was expected to become. I tried not to sound too excited as I said, "sure, if you really want me to do that".... I then explained to her about my creation of "Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed".

I will have to say that the reunion was extremely enjoyable as I saw folks that I had not seen in almost fifty years. I wondered as I looked around the room at all the faces that I once knew, if I looked as old to them as they did to me... My good friend Charlie Lail was there. In fact, he was the emcee and did a great job. I missed our friend, Joe Perkinson, who passed away a few years ago. Both, Joe and Charlie were groomsmen in our wedding.

Preecher Hayseed seemed to be a hit, or at least they laughed and several told me it was very funny. To date I have been asked to three other places as a result of my performance. I guess that goes to show how hard it is to find good entertainment.

I had seen a few of the classmates through the years. Of course, when Joe died there were several who came to the funeral home while I was there. I lived near Charlie at Woodstock and we managed to get together once in a while. I saw Reba Baker at a softball game in Chattanooga back in the late '80s. Lois Motley and Hurdist Nolen (who are married) stopped by our house in Springfield, TN back in the mid 70's. We saw Judy Watts about a year ago and Gail Sizemore came to the funeral home when dad passed away. David Williams came to see us just after we moved back.

One of the classmates, Emily Dantzler, lives at Buchanan, very near Bremen, where we lived a few years ago. She had visited the restaurant and was around when we were. Since we were not aware of either's presence, if we did see one another, we did not recognize each other. It is a small world after all.

# From the Mail Bag



**Larabeth Moss**

Just couldn't resist sending you all the newest picture of "little me" as the family says. It is hard to believe that Larabeth will be four next month! Hope this brightens everyone's day.

**Susan Moss** <[smoss\\_0319@yahoo.com](mailto:smoss_0319@yahoo.com)>

*Thanks Susan for sending the picture. It is good to know that she takes after the Dedmon side of the family. According to my records she is now around four years old. How time flies. For those of you who may not remember Susan, she is the granddaughter of Essie Mozelle Dedmon. Their line connects with mine at Mark Dedmon, the Revolutionary War veteran, who was the first to spell our surname D-E-D-M-O-N. Moselle's nephew was Leroy Pinkney Dedmon, Jr. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he played Basketball. When he finished college in 1971, he was signed by the Utah Stars A.B.A. to play basketball for them but he became sick during the first year and had to return home where it took him most of one year to regain his health. Lee, as he was known, began to teach school in Gaston County. He continued to teach and was assistant principal at Cherryville-Jr. High School and then was appointed Principal at Highland Jr.-Hi-School, at Gastonia, N.C.*

**From:** Gary Deadmond  
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**Subject:** Change of address

This email is to let you know that I am changing my email address. Just got fed up with the lack of service with this one. My new address is: [cpod0558@cox.net](mailto:cpod0558@cox.net) The new address is active as of now and this one will go away very soon.

--Gary

*Thanks Gary.... Always good to hear from you... my son is also named Gary.... Stay in touch..*

--Leroy

*Gary is a descendent of Thomas and Elizabeth Miliron Deadmond. I have received information from him before. I met him through Floyd Dedmon. He was the one who said two of the letters of the name D-E-A-D-M-O-N-D fell off the wagon (A&D), thus leaving D-E-D-M-O-N.*

Thursday 05/04/2006

**Name:** Tammy L. Smith

**E-Mail:** [monkeejunkee@mail.com](mailto:monkeejunkee@mail.com)

**Location:** Dalton, GA

**Comments:** Nice site. I actually found this page through the LD Pierce website. I was tracking the Abercrombies which I found on the Pierce site and found the link on the Pierce site to this site. Rebecca Dedman married Clemeth Cavender and they are my 5xs Great Grandparents.

*I picked this note off the guestbook. It was of interest to me since Tammy is from Dalton, very near where I live. I am aware of the Cavender family presence in the Whitfield county area. Of course, one of our kinsmen, who sends material for the newsletter on a fairly regular basis, Eddie Hightower, is a descendent of the Cavender family. Although Eddie now lives in South Carolina, he was born at Vilanow GA, very near to my home. Thanks, Tammy for the comment and if you have family information, please share it with us.*

-- Leroy



**From:** CWa8875@aol.com

**To:** gldedmon@alltel.net

**Subject:** Abraham Oliver Dedmon family

Hello Leroy,

I found your web site and started to read your newsletters. I thought you have done a great job they are very good. But let me introduce myself I'm Charles Walker from Del City, Okla. My wife's family belongs to Abraham O Dedmon. I will give you what I have found out .

Abraham Oliver Dedmon b 1850 in Walker co, Ga, married Rachael A Gentry 18 May 1870 in Scott Co, Ark, Rachel was b 1857 in Ga to Perry and Rosannh (Dickson) Gentry. To this union of Abraham and Rachael 10 children were born.

1 Ella Rosetta b 27 march 1871 d:29 may 1954 Poteau, Okla, she married Zackery Taylor Gibson on 1 Jan 1858 Winfield Ark. This is my wife's grandmother's family.

2. Maggie b 1875 ark. Married first to a James H Gibson and 2nd to ??Brown

3 Hansel Marcus b 14 Oct 1876 in ark. D 7 Jun 1962 in Monroe, Leflore co, okla. He married Ada L Pearson on 24 Jan 1897.

4. John Harrison. Dedmon b: Dec 1878 Ark, D: 1908 and married Mattie Oazella Duncan 1893 Waldron, ark.

5. Ida R dedmon b apr 1883 ark D:?? Married George W Lowe 25 Feb 1904 Heavener, Leflore co Okla

6 Willam Arhtur Dedmon B: aor 1893 D:?? and married Lola ?? on 25 Feb 1904 Leflore co Okla

7 Marion S Dedmon b: June 1885 Ark

8. Nancy Cordia Dedmon B: June 1858 married ??Smith

9. Andrew Amos Dedmon B: 30 June 1891 Ark D: 19 Dec 1974 Poteau, Okla

10. Jane M Dedmon b: Nov 1892 Ark  
Rosetta Ella Dedmon married Zackery Taylor Gibson on 1 Jan 1888 at Winfield, Ark. 4 children were born to this union

1 William Fredrick Gibson B: 11 April 1891 in Ark D: in San Diego, Calif

M: Gertrude Sawyer 24 Dec 1914 in okla

2 Novy Franklin Gibson B: 24 Dec 1896 in Ark D: 25 March 1947 Poteau, Leflore co, Okla

M: Elizabeth Akers 8 June 1921

3 Icie Mae Gibson B: 13 July 1897 Waldrow Ark  
\*\* D: 28 Sept 1979 Poteau, Leflore co, Okla

M: James Melviin Smith 22 July 1916 Waldrow, Ark  
4 Dewey Gordon Gibson B: 3 Jan 1900 in Ark D: 28 Sept ?? Durant, Okla

M: 1st Edna Whitehead 27 June 1924  
2nd Myrtle Adkins 11 July 1956

Icie Mae Gibson married James Melvin (Bud) Smith 22 July 1916 in Gilmore, Ark. to this union 2 children were born.

1 William James Ted Smith b: 10 June 1917 Mountain View, Okla

d: 25 Oct 2002 Poteau, Leflore co, Okla  
m: Ethel Mae

2 Merle Calvin Smith b 19 Mar 1925 Mountain View, Okla \* d: living

m: 1st Nettie Lucille Bandy 23 April 1946 Parris, Ark  
2nd Jean Davis

William James Ted Smith married Ethel Mae to this union 4 children were born

1 James Ted Smith b: 31 Oct 1946 d living  
m: Anna Louise Price 6 Sept 1971

2 Betty Lou Smith b 19 Aug 1943 d living  
m Jimmy J Nobles 6 Sept 1961

3 Alice Elaine Smith b 12 Oct 1958 d living  
m Joseph Lynn Skinner 6 June 1972

4 Debra Mae Smith b 27 Oct 1960 d living  
m Carl Edward Moore 6 Sept 1981

Merle Calvin Smith married Nettie Lucille Bandy on 23 April 1946 in Parris Ark

to this union 3 children were born

1 Robert Clark Smith b 5 Jan 1947 Poteau, Okla  
d living

m Donna Sue Enquire

2 Jans Merlene Smith b 24 Dec 1948 Poteau Okla  
d living

m Darrell Eugene Priest 2 feb 1973

3 Barbara Joeen Smith b 20 Jan 1950 Poteau Okla  
\* d living

m Charles Walker 27 Aug 1971

I talked to Danny McBee a couple of years ago and he was very helpful with info on the Dedmon family. I'm going through the census to locate the Gibson and Dedmon in what towns and county and state. Hoping this info fills some holes on Abraham O Dedmon family  
You can reach me at:

Charlie and Barbara Walker

705 Delhaven Del City, Okla 73115

HAPPY FAMILY SEARCHING ....Charlie Walker

*Thanks Charlie, I appreciate this info on Abram as his wife, Rachel was my mother's great aunt. Also, my grandmother was a Walker. --Leroy*



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

*There are several birthday's this month in our family. Again, let me emphaize that I can only mention those that I know about. Please send information on your families. --Leroy*



DIANE  
DEDMON

### Diane Dedmon

Linda Diane Toothman became my daughter-in-law on Nov. 5, 1983. Her father, Don Toothman, was one of the elders at the Springfield church when I preached there. When Don passed away in 1997, I was one of the preachers who participated in his funeral service.

Diane graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with a BA in Social Work. She is employed at the Jesse Holman Jones hospital in Springfield, TN. She is the mother of my two grandsons, Greg and Jonathan. I can truefly say that Diane is the best daughter-in-law that I have..... Well.... with Gary being my only son, that's easy enough to say. Her birthday is May 4. Happy birthday, Diane.



JESSICA DAWN  
COCHRAN

### Jessica Dawn Cochran

Jessica celebrated her 15th birthday on May 6th. It is hard to realize she is getting that old as she is the grand daughter of my youngest brother Bill. However, when I think about it he is getting pretty old himself. Jessica is the daughter of Kym Dedmon Cochran, Bill's daughter. Happy birthday, Jessica.

### Rebecca Cagle Price

Becky is the wife of my nephew, Kenneth Price. His mother is my sister, Carolyn. Her birthday is on the 11th of May. The Prices live in East Ridge, TN and have two children, Ashley and Taylor ..... and a happy birthday to you too, Becky.



BECKY  
PRICE

### Carrie Jane Rawls Webb

I remember May 16, 1983 very well. It was the day my first grandchild arrived into this world. When her daddy came into the room where we were waiting, the baby in his arms was the prettiest I had seen since her mother, Gwen, was born.



CARRIE  
WEBB

Gwen, is our daughter and she had just made us very happy grandparents. "Life doesn't get any better", I thought. Well, that was three grandchildren and two great grandchildren ago. I watched Carrie grow up. We laughed and cried together as life has brought both good times and bad. She resides in Buchanan, GA and is the mother of my two great grandchildren, Masie and Curt. ....Happy birthday Carrie.



SCOTT  
YOUNGBERG

### Scott Youngberg

Scott Youngberg is an acoustic solo artist based out of the Florida Keys. He travels regularly from Miami to Key West. His show features a widely varied playlist mixing original songs with select cover tunes. Originally from Chicago, he keeps moving farther and farther South. Scott got his start in the Chattanooga music scene first "working the door" for The Blues Doctor Russell Linnemann and The Travelling Riverside Blues Caravan, then playing clubs and festivals. He's been performing full time in the Keys since 1997, where he recorded and produced his first CD, "Live At Sunset." Scott is married to my niece, Suzi Price. Her mother is my sister, Carolyn. Happy birthday on May 25th, Scott.

### Morgan Dedmon

Morgan was born on May 28, 2002 to the proud parents of Brian and Cindy Dedmon. Brian is my brother Bill's son. Morgan lives next door and pay us visits often. She is an engertic four year old. Recently she "practiced" her hair cutting ability on Snowball (our white cat). She is the middle child of three girls. Her oldest sister is Hana and the youngest is Briana. Have a very happy, happy, birthday, Morgan.



MORGAN  
DEDMON

# DEATH NOTICES

## **William Templeton, 80, Ringgold**

William Vernon Templeton of Ringgold died Saturday, April 29, at a local hospital. He was 80. A lifelong resident of the Ringgold area, he was of the Baptist faith and attended Lookout Mountain Community Services for 17 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert Victor and Jessie Mae Walton Templeton and four brothers, Theodore, Samuel Kenneth and Alvin Templeton. Survivors include five sisters, Sarah Sexton, Evelyn Scott, Novella Carlock and Pat Holsomback, all of Ringgold, Connie Fouts of Chickamauga; five brothers, R.L., Austin, Larry and Garry Templeton, all of Ringgold, Dannie Templeton of Chickamauga; stepsister, Bernice Hodnett of Ringgold; several nieces and nephews. Services: Monday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home chapel with Revs. Tony Vona and Bill Proctor officiating. Burial: Dogwood Cemetery. Visitation: Saturday, April 29, from 5-9 p.m., all day Sunday, April 30, and Monday until funeral time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Ringgold.

*William was the son of Albert Templeton, my grandmother's first cousin. I remember as a young boy visiting the Templeton home. William was never able to hear or speak.*

## **Irene Evitt, 90, LaFayette**

Irene Hegwood Evitt of LaFayette died Thursday, May 11. She was 90. She was a member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Survivors include nieces and nephews. Services: Saturday, May 13, at 11 a.m. with Revs. Jim Cordell and J.L. Sharp officiating. Burial: Walnut Grove Cemetery. Visitation: Friday, May 12, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Pallbearers are nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Walnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund. Arrangements by Wallis-Wilbanks Funeral Home, LaFayette.

*My father's grandmother was Martha Frances (Mattie) Evitt. She was married to James Walker. I am confident that most of the Evitt family who is from the Ringgold area is related to them.*



## **And they ask why I like retirement....??????**

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: What do retirees considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answers: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Question: What is the most difficult part of retirement.

Answer: You never get a day off.

## **If you are not retired, look what you have to look forward to....**





## THE OLD PATHS

I liked the old paths, when Moms were at home.  
Dads were at work. Brothers went into the army.  
And sisters got married BEFORE having children!

Crime did not pay; Hard work did;  
And people knew the difference.

Moms could cook; Dads would work;  
Children would behave..

Husbands were loving; Wives were supportive;  
And children were polite.

Women wore the jewelry; And Men wore the pants.  
Women looked like ladies; Men looked like gentlemen;  
And children looked decent.

People loved the truth, And hated a lie;  
They came to church to get IN, Not to get OUT!

Hymns sounded Godly; Sermons sounded helpful;  
Rejoicing sounded normal; And crying sounded sincere.

Cursing was wicked; Drinking was evil;  
and divorce was unthinkable.

The flag was honored; America was beautiful;  
And God was welcome!

We read the Bible in public; Prayed in school;  
And preached from house to house  
To be called an American was worth dying for;  
To be called a Christian was worth living for;  
To be called a traitor was a shame!

Sex was a personal word.  
Homosexual was an unheard of word,  
And abortion was an illegal word.

Preachers preached because they had a message;  
And Christians rejoiced because they had the  
VICTORY!

Preachers preached from the Bible;  
Singers sang from the heart;  
And sinners turned to the Lord to be SAVED!

A new birth meant a new life;  
Salvation meant a changed life;  
Following Christ led to eternal life.

Being a preacher meant you proclaimed the word of God;  
Being a deacon meant you would serve the Lord;  
Being a Christian meant you would live for Jesus;  
And being a sinner meant someone was praying for you!

Laws were based on the Bible;  
Homes read the Bible;  
And churches taught the Bible.

Preachers were more interested in new converts,  
Than new clothes and new cars.  
God was worshiped; Christ was exalted;  
and the Holy Spirit was respected.

Church was where you found Christians  
on the Lord's day, rather than in the garden,  
on the creek bank, on the golf course,  
or being entertained somewhere else.

I still like the old paths the best!

*(“The Old Paths” was written by a retired  
minister who lives in Tennessee.)*

*I don't know who wrote this, but I would like to shake his hand. Maybe we just don't have enough paths today. Everything is so modernized and convenient. There was the path to the well, the path to “behind the woodshed” and of course the path to the outhouse. I am not really sure I want to return to those days, but one has to admit that there were some things about “the good old days” that we are missing today. Folks seemed to have time to visit their neighbors, spend time with grandma and sit around the fire at night and visit with family. Someone has said that we have so many “time saving devices” that we have not saved time for each other. So sad, but true.....*

*It was the prophet Jeremiah who said, “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. (Jer. 6:16)*

*--Leroy*



*Related families to  
the Dedmons. Please  
send me information  
on your relatives.*

*--Leroy*

### **Willena Dixon, 91, Ringgold**

Willena C. Dixon of Ringgold died Tuesday, May 16, at a local hospital. She was 91. She was a native of Jefferson County, Tenn., and had lived most of her life in the Chattanooga and the Ringgold areas. She had worked at Peerless Woolen Mills in the late 1950s and had worked in sales after leaving Peerless. She attended Boynton Church of God. She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto Dixon; father, Oscar Fulton; mother and stepfather, Mettie and Arthur Cox; sister, Mary Ruth Peters; brother, J.R. Cox. Survivors include three sons, William Dixon of Chattanooga, Tenn., Donald Dixon of Ringgold, Glen Dixon of Chattanooga; three daughters, Connie Bradford, Pat Williams and Betty Overby, all of Ringgold; brother, Frank Cox of Rock Spring; 23 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Services: Friday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel with Rev. Steve Smith officiating. Burial: Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park with Chris Dixon, Steve Willingham, Gary Freeman, Brian Dixon, Danny Dixon and Chris Goodlet serving as pallbearers. Visitation: Thursday, May 18, from 4-8 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, Rossville. Condolences may be sent at [www.lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://www.lane-southcrestchapel.com). Arrangements by Lane Funeral Home, Rossville.

*(One would think that any Dixon (Dickson) who had ties to Ringgold, GA would be part of the family. However, most of you know the Dixon family is a large family. I have tried in vain to make some connections to the Simon Dixon (Dickson) family tree. The Simon Dixon tree is perhaps one of the largest known family research projects among the Dickson family. To date I have not found the connection. There was at least one other Dickson family in Catoosa County years ago. One named Michael Dickson was quite famous in the political arena. This obit of Willena shows that she was born in Tennessee, but lived most of her life in the Ringgold area. There may be a connection.*

*--Leroy*

### **Eva Christine Dixon Whaley**

Mrs. Eva Christine Dixon Whaley, 92, of Dalton died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at Ridgewood Manor.

She was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Catoosa County to the late L. Mathis and Ester Templeton Dixon and was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C. Whaley in December, 2005; brothers, Melvin Dixon Sr., Alvin Dixon, Charles Afton Dixon, Harry Lowell Dixon and Harold E. Dixon.

Christine was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and played the piano. She spent countless hours helping many people in the Antioch community.

Christine is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Wanda Whaley, Truman and Starr Whaley, all of Dalton; sisters-in-law, Annie Mae Dixon of Virginia, Louise Dixon and Norma Lee Dixon Jackson, both of Dalton; grandchildren, Mitchell and Holly Whaley, Cameron and Erin Whaley; great-grandchildren, Alexis and Kristine Whaley; nieces and nephews.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Cordle officiating. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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 is in charge of arrangements.

*(Christine was my mother's first cousin. In fact she was kin on both sides of the family. Her father Mathis Dixon was a first cousin to my mother's father, George Dickson. Her mother Ester Templeton was a sister to mom's mother. She was also a Dedmon descendent as her great grandmother was Hanna Dedmon. Her husband, Carl Whaley passed away earlier this year.*

*--Leroy*