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LEROY DEDMON

GAINING GROUND....

I realize that I am running a bit behind on the newsletter schedule, but hold on as we are getting much closer. It is just a few days into July and the newsletter is for the second quarter, which ended June 30th. I guess I could think of several excuses that might sound OK, but the truth is, none of them sound good to me. The biggest problem is motivation. Lately I have been greatly motivated as I have heard from several of you and that is always exciting. Also, there has been some new additions to our tree. Just when you think you have heard from all the Dedmons in the world a new one gets in touch and the adrenaline juices start flowing again....

PLEASE HELP ME.....

I really need to receive more material from our readers and especially from some of the “branches” on the



other side of the tree. Quite often I encounter folks who know some Dedmons that I don't know. My standard reply is, “We are on the same tree, but different nuts!!!” (pun intended)...

WILL THE REAL GARY DEDMON PLEASE STAND UP

There are several Dedmon family members living in and around the Nashville, TN area. Oh how I wish that I had begun my family research project while living in Middle Tennessee. It is not that I was unaware of the existence of those folks, it was just that I didn't consider them to be relatives. Wrong!!! Wrong!!! Wrong!!! When my son, Gary was working for the Nashville Sounds, he called on a potential customer and introduced himself as Gary Dedmon. He looked at Gary and said, “You can't be, my brother is Gary Dedmon”. We never tried to follow up on who they were and now can't find them. Woe is me.....

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!!

I did know personally the Deadman family at Manchester, TN. However, the difference in spelling made me think there was no relation. Of course, I could not have been more wrong as the first thing I learned when beginning the research project was the original spelling. Frank and Fred Deadman owned and operated the Manchester Funeral Home, aka, DEADMAN FUNERAL HOME. Now that was an oddity!! In fact it made Ripley's Believe It Or Not. There is also a city park named in honor of Fred Deadman. Fred and Frank are both deceased. I featured this information in an earlier edition of the newsletter. I understand Fred's grandson is with a funeral home in Memphis, TN.

YOU MEAN THERE IS TWO!!

I have since learned of another Dedmon Funeral Home. I believe there was an obituary in a recent newsletter that listed the Dedmon Funeral Home. If I was not so lazy, I would find it for you, but if you really want to know, you will look it up anyway.... Oh, alright, I will try to find it for you. OK, I found it!!!! If you look in volume 32 of the DEDMON CONNECTION, you will see it... The reference is actually the Craig-Hurt Hutsell-Dedmon Funeral Home in Missouri.



WE CALL HIM BILLY

I remember when my “baby” brother was born, I was almost eight years old. Dad took us down to Doctor Stevenson’s clinic in Ringgold, where mom had spent the night. I really don’t remember knowing he was “on the way” as we didn’t talk much about those things around our house. So when dad announced to the four of us that we had a new baby brother, we just accepted it as fact. After all, the one thing we needed most was another mouth to feed and someone on whom all the attention would be bestowed for a year or so. His name, we were told was Joseph William Dedmon, but we call him Billy. So we welcomed Billy to the family.

I am not quite sure where the name Joseph William actually came from, but both names are traditional Dedmon names. My great-grandfather was named William and one of his boys was named Joe, as Dad talked about Uncle Joe Lane Dedmon. Through the years the names William and Thomas are probably the most common, but Joseph does appear several times.

Us “older” siblings soon realized that there might be some benefit to this newborn brother. As he began to grow and develop, it seemed to us that whatever Billy wanted, Billy got. To this we used to our advantage as soon as he was able to talk and understand a bit.

On the way to Grandma’s house we had to pass through the city of Ringgold where there was a little Dairy Dip ice cream place (this was before the days of Dairy Queen) that served cones of cream. We loved those little cones with vanilla ice cream and a curl on top. However, Dad would not always stop and purchase them for us. So we learned that if Billy asked and maybe cried a little, dad would stop. Now until Billy learned “the lay of the land”, we would have to whisper to him when we were about ten minutes away from Ringgold, “if you ask for ice cream and cry if Daddy says no, he will stop at the Dairy Dip”. It worked every time..... In time we didn’t even have to remind Billy as he would remember where the ice cream was....

Billy was twelve years old when Jane and I married. It may have been at our wedding when he first met Connie Buff. Connie was the flower girl in our wedding. About twelve years later (1971), she was the bride in a wedding I performed and guess who was the lucky groom.... That’s right, Joseph William Dedmon, but we called him Billy.... Although they had met at our wedding, they had not seen each other for a number of years and it was at the suggestion of Jane (my wife), that Bill called her and of course, the rest is history.



Connie Buff
“flower girl”
1959

At some point most folks began calling him Bill. Probably because the name Billy is associated with Billy the Kid. Of course Bill is no longer a kid and after a while, I too, began using the name Bill in reference to my kid brother. I think Jane still says Billy. Old habits are hard to break. I am not too sure, but I believe Mom still calls him Billy.

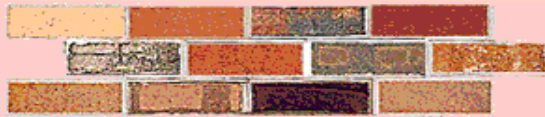


Bill’s grandchildren
(L-R) back row - Hana
second row - Amanda & Jessica
front row - Morgan and Briana

Bill and Connie have three children; Kym, Brian and Craig. In order to preserve the names of William and Joseph, Brian is William Brian and Craig is Joseph Craig. Kym has two children; Jessica and Amanda. Brian and wife Cindy have three children; Hana, Morgan and Briana. Craig and wife Britany presently have no children.

I baptized Bill when he was around fourteen and after he and Connie married they moved to Springfield, TN and he attended the Nashville School of Preaching. At the time I was living in Springfield, so I had the opportunity to be close to Bill for a while. He has preached for a number of congregations which include: Orlinda, TN; Mathiston, MS; Leeland, MS; Red Hill in Manchester, TN; Ridgedale in Chattanooga, TN; Chattanooga Valley in Flintstone, GA and for the last eight years at Bowdon, GA. I am proud of my “baby” brother, Joseph William Dedmon, but you may call him Billy... or at least Bill....

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.

There are a few things I really would like for some of you to research as we are still staring at a "Brick Wall" on these matters. --Leroy

(1) - **German connections.** I have been told all my life that the Dedmon's had German/Dutch blood. However, all our research points to England. There is a strong possibility that during what some call the Industrial Revolution folks migrated from Germany to Holland and on to England. In a recent issue of the newsletter I featured Vanessa Dedmon, a singer in Germany. There was some reference to a Jesse Dedman, who may have come from Germany, but we never confirmed it. If any of you have some information, please pass it on to us. After all, inquiring minds want to know.

(2) - **The Indian connections.** Most Dedmon families had indicated that Indian blood runs through their veins. I have always been told that my great-grandmother was one-half Indian. If this be true then either her mother or father was "full-blooded" Indian. I have tried to trace this through her father's family (Alexander Wells) or her mother's family (Nazey Daffron). We are not sure about the spelling of her mother's first name. Some have suggested it was Nancy and others say Nazey. The Daffron connections that I have are not sure about this. I do know that there are several Wells in the Indian genealogy. I suspect the name came from the hole in the ground called a well.

(3) - **The Jamie White (Deadman) story.** There is already a researcher, Von Hamrick, who is working on this "mystery". If this story is true, then there is a complete line in our genealogy that does not have Dedmon (Deadman) blood. I ran an article that was sent to me by Von a couple of issues back that was encouraging us to do the DNA test. So far I think there is one Dedmon in the database. I will feature this research in the next issue if Von has it ready for me.

(4) - **Samuel Dedman.** There are several Samuels listed in the database, but none seem to fit this line. The following article from Jim Walden shows that there are descendants from that line who are searching. Others who have done tremendous research on the Dedman surname include Jackie Dedman and Wanda Colvin. However, I am uncertain if either are from this limb of the tree. I do recall that Jackie's husband, Chuck Dedman is from a Samuel Dedman.

From: Jim Walden [jwalden@midsouth.rr.com]

Subject: Are We Lost???

After a complete viewing of your Dedman Newsletter and Surname list I have strong feeling that my Dedman branch has been lost as I can find no mention of any of them anywhere in your files except for the small mention of Samuel H. Dedman.

I am the GGgrandchild of Samuel H. Dedman of Marengo County, AL. I was looking for a few Dedman cousins to fill in some blanks, but alas I am alone. After 36 years of doing research on the Dedmans I have never found a cousin other than the ones I knew growing up.

Here is a list of Samuel H. Dedman and Sarah Ann Whitworth children:

- i. THOMAS F. DEDMAN, b. 1835
- ii. DAVID D. DEDMAN, b. 1837
- iii. MARY J. DEDMAN, b. 1844
- iv. SAMUEL W. DEDMAN, b. 1842
- v. WILLIAM DEDMAN, b. 1847
- vi. WOODRUFF DEDMAN, b. 1849
- vii. RICHARD DEDMAN, b. January 13, 1851
- viii. WINSTON MATTHEW DEDMAN, b. 1854

Most moved to Desha County, Arkansas sometime after 1854.

Here is a list of vii. Richard Dedman and Alice Elizabeth Butler's children:

- i. HATTIE DEDMAN, b. April 19, 1879
- ii. STELLA DEDMAN, b. May 24, 1885
- iii. WHARF DEDMAN, b. June 25, 1887
- iv. FLOY DEDMAN, b. April 20, 1890
- v. CLIO DEDMAN, b. April 17, 1892
- vi. LILLIAN DEDMAN, b. April 12, 1896
- vii. MANILA DEDMAN, b. January 20, 1900
- viii. ALICE DEDMAN, b. September 23, 1902
- ix. RICHARD LONGWORTH DEDMAN, b. May 02, 1907

Please help me, I'm so alone. Not really but if I don't find someone I'll have to finally accept my wife's family as my own. Yikes!

Thanks for all you do for the Dedman researchers,
--Jim Walden



April

Claude Price - 10
 Amy Smith - 15
 Harrison Dedmond - 17
 Jonathan Dedmon - 20
 Brian Dedmon - 29

May

Diane Dedmon - 04
 Jessica Cochran - 06
 Rebecca Price - 11
 Carrie Webb - 16

Scott Youngberg - 25
 Morgan Dedmon - 28

June

Taylor Price - 15
 Leroy Dedmon - 27

*** NOTICE***

If your birthday does not appear in the newsletter, it may be due to the fact that I don't know about it. I can only announce the birthdays and anniversaries that I know about. While I do my best to keep up with my own family, I still miss some. This is certainly not intentional. Please feel free to send me all those you know about and I will see that they are mentioned in the newsletter.

Claude Price

April 10

Claude is my brother-in-law. He is married to my sister Alice Carolyn. They will celebrate 47 years on September 2nd.

Amy Smith

April 15

Amy is the daughter of my sister, Alma Ruth. She lives near Huntsville, AL and is employed at a doctor's office. Maybe that means she can be sick for nothing.

Harrison Dedmond

April 17

Harrison Dedmond is a cousin of mine, descending from my grandfather's half brother, William James Dedmon.

Jonathan Dedmon

April 20

Jonathan is the youngest son of my son, Gary Dedmon. He is my youngest grandchild and since I am a preacher, maybe he can be good for nothing.

Brian Dedmon

April 29

Brian is my brother Bill's oldest son. Since he is employed with the Georgia Highway Patrol does that mean he can be bad for nothing? Ok, that's enough of that.

Diane Dedmon

May 4

Linda Diane Toothman Dedmon is the mother of my two grandsons, Greg and Jonathan. She, of course, is married to my son, Gary.

Jessica Dawn Cochran

May 6

Jessica is the granddaughter of my youngest brother Bill and the daughter of Kym Dedmon Cochran.

Rebecca Cagle Price

May 11

Becky is the wife of my nephew, Kenneth Price. They have two children, Ashley and Taylor. Kenneth is the son of my sister, Carolyn.

Carrie Jane Rawls Webb

May 16

Carrie is my first grandchild and the mother of our great-grand children, Masie and Curt. Her mother is, Gwen, our daughter.

Scott Youngberg

May 25

Scott is married to my niece, Suzi. Her mother is my sister, Carolyn.

Morgan Dedmon

May 28

Morgan is the middle child of Brian and Cindy Dedmon. Brian is my brother Bill's oldest son.

Taylor Price

June 15

Taylor Alexander Price, the son of Kenneth and Becky Price is the grandson of Carolyn and Claude Price. Carolyn is my sister.

Leroy Dedmon

June 27

Well it finally happened, the big 68 has arrived. In some ways it seems only yesterday when I was only 67. As they say, "Time flies when you are having fun".... I just have to ask, "Are we having fun yet?"



Leroy and Jane Dedmon
April 5 (Number 48)

Craig & Brittany Dedmon
April 24 (Number 3)

Robert & Marye Dedmon
June 12 (Number 43)

From the Mail Bag

From:
[Chris.Dedmon@bakerhughes.com]
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Your website



I was delighted to find your website. I will enjoy visiting it more often. I have a website as well if anyone cares to visit it, at www.dedmondesign.net.

--Chris Dedmon



CHRIS DEDMON

I was unable to connect to the website he gave, but thought it might just be down temporarily. However, I did find him at another site <http://www.mindsisland.com/members/cdedmon/about/>. As

I mentioned in another newsletter, there are a number of Dedmon artists that I have discovered. In a future issue, I plan to feature them. Wait!!! My excellent proofreader discovered the website was www.dedmondesign.com, thanks Carole...

From: Dedmon-owner@yahoo.com
Subject: New Dedmon member

Hello,

This is an automated email message to let you know that thewaldenhome@yahoo.com joined your Dedmon group. Your group is currently configured to send you email notification whenever a new member joins. To turn off notification, visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Dedmon/join>. Thank you for choosing Yahoo! as your email group service for the Dedmon group.

Regards,

Yahoo! Groups Customer Care

We welcome Jim Walden and thanks for the information sent and printed under the heading "Are We Lost" on page three of this newsletter.

Please could you inform me if you have any information on my grand parents and my uncle? My mother has not seen her family for over 30 yrs. (Charles William John Deadman) dob: 09-09-1924, place/birth Langley . Margaret Annie Deadman (Robinson) Dob: 06-02-1926 Place/birth Slough. And also my uncle (Adrian Charles Deadman) place/birth Royal Candian Rew Cross Burnham. Last known to be living in north Wales, in or around Llanberis. Any information you have on them would be welcomed. Warmest regards,

--Mr. R. T. Madden

From: Amelia Lehman [vanderbiltmom04@aol.com]
Subject: Marcus Lafayette Dedmon

Leroy -

I thank you very much for letting me know that you heard from someone that my Great-grandfather was not a boot legger and shot and killed. I have not really thought about ancestry in a few years and recently went to Ancestry.com again - and, here I am. I am not sure where I left off but do know that I wrote you in 2001 saying that I believed Marcus Lafayette was married to Evelena Forche. In case I did not write to tell you that I was wrong, I was. Marcus Lafayette married Evelena BEEZE. I do have a certified copy of their marriage certificate which I received after going to Ringgold, GA a couple of years ago. I am really stuck on finding any information on Evelena Beeze and would really appreciate it if you would ask your readers if they have ever heard of her. Marcus and Evelena had 5 children. I am in CT and will return to SC the end of Jan. where my files are and will be happy to send you the names again. Evelena Beeze and her sister, Susie Beeze, were born in SC. I have found a census that showed Evelena had passed away and Susie was living with Marcus and two of his children in Atlanta, GA. I will be back in contact with you when I return to SC early Feb.

Thank you for keeping up with all you do!

--Amelia Marsh Lehman

Granddaughter of Virginia G. Dedmon, who was the daughter of Marcus Lafayette Dedmon (Dedman).

As many of our readers know there has been much confusion about the Mark Dedmon, who was killed by the "revenoors". For a long time I believed it was Marcus Lafayette, but Amelia found his death certificate from Fulton County (Atlanta), so we had to rule him out. Tim Dedmon finally got to the bottom of all this and we ran the story a couple of issues back. It was that article to which Amelia referred. Mark the "Moonshiner" was a brother to my great-grandfather, William D. Dedmon and Marcus Lafayette Dedmon was the son of William D. and a half-brother to my grandfather. The "Moonshine" story has been told in my family since I was a small boy. "It was only when Tim, with his diligent and persistent research, found it that we able to at last know for sure which Mark it was. If any of you have information on Evelena Beeze, please pass it on to us... --Leroy



...Just the GOOD NEWS

Gaining moral ground

High school juniors gain new perspective through Columbia College's Summer Ethics Academy.

By ANNIE NELSON of the Tribune's staff

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Nick King photo

Jonathan Clark listens during an ethics class Thursday in Williams Hall on the Columbia College campus. On the dry erase board behind him are notes from Professor Mark Price on ethics issues being discussed.

After three weeks of intensive, college-level study during Columbia College's Summer Ethics Academy, Columbia resident Shannon Buckridge found that her mind was not only more open to the opinions of others, but some of her own opinions had changed. Buckridge, 18, was one of five students to participate in the first session of the academy last year. The 2007 session began last Sunday and will run through June 30. Nine students from around Missouri - and one from Illinois - are choosing to spend three weeks of their senior summer earning college credit and exploring the ethical dilemmas of the day.

"There's just all those hot topics right now," said 17-year-old Austin Miller of Curryville. "Stem cell research, abortion; it might be nice to hear other people's opinions on them besides my own family's." Both Buckridge and Miller said before enrolling in the class, they didn't know much about ethics besides the values taught to them by their families.

But these ethics lessons are different from the ones a mother tries to instill in a child. "Teaching ethics is not about trying to teach students how to live or how to do the right thing - most already know that. Ethics is about why treating people with respect is good," said Mark Price, chairman of the humanities department at Columbia College and organizer of the ethics academy.



Nick King photos

Price listens Thursday to academy students' discussion. Price founded the Midwest Ethics Society this year.



from left, Mareayna Whitehead, Alaina Hoyt, Jonathan Clark and Caren Abraham are among nine students from Missouri and Illinois spending three weeks of summer vacation studying and discussing ethical theories and issues.

Students will explore everything from legal ethics to the traditional ethics philosophies of Aristotle, Immanuel Kant and John Stuart Mill. In three weeks they are expected to write 10 papers, complete readings, hold discussions, attend four hours of class and even design their own ethical theory. "Basically, mine was, 'The moral thing to do is what creates the most happiness,'" Buckridge said. "Murdering somebody is going to cause pain to everyone and happiness to no one." Although, she added, there are obvious gray areas to that theory. It's complicated. Ethics are complicated.

Columbia College philosophy major Mike Campbell, 25, will be assisting Price with the academy, including living in the dorms with the students and leading post-class discussions. Campbell said he thinks the academy will help the high school juniors test the paradoxes of their own value systems. "We are all raised to believe 'love your neighbor,'" Campbell said. "It's not just Biblical, all moral principles have it; but if your neighbor is a suspected terrorist, should we torture him?"

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The academy is funded by a grant from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, or HELM. Columbia College is affiliated with the Disciples.

HELM communications director Brad Lyons said Price's ethics academy fits with the Disciples mission of creating strong leaders for the future and helps the church maintain a connection with the campus. The academy is free.

"You don't have to go very far into the news to see the problems that youth, no matter where you are, are running into," Lyons said. "If you are able to have this kind of training at 17 ... it is going to help you make better choices and contribute to the society that we live in."

Price said he was pleasantly surprised by the maturity and seriousness of the discussions of last year's students and anticipates a repeat with this year's students. Buckridge said the difficult discussion of abortion changed her mind on the procedure, something she had been dead set against. "I don't remember exactly what was said, but I left thinking, 'I could see how this could be necessary at times,'" Buckridge said.

The high school juniors earn three hours of college credit. The academy is used to recruit prospective students to Columbia College, Price said. "We make no bones about that," he said. That's just fine by Miller, who said Columbia College is currently his No. 1 choice. Price also founded the Midwest Ethics Society this year with funding from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The inaugural meeting hosted 18 professors from mostly Missouri and Kansas.

Price said he thinks both the academy and the society are going to grow, and he stressed members of the society are not required to be college professors. Anyone with an interest in ethics can join. For more information on the ethics society, contact Price at mlprice@ccis.edu. The study of ethics is a lifelong pursuit, he said. "I think it's probably a sobering experience at their age," Price said of his ethics academy students, "and something they'll probably be working on for the rest of their lives."

Mark Price is my nephew, the son of Claude and Carolyn Price. Carolyn is my sister. The family is proud of Mark's achievements.



Easter Poem

Jesus Arose

*That early Sunday morning as the sun began to rise,
The rock was rolled back and Jesus arose to no surprise.
Death's victory was swallowed up by the Love of God
He gives us strength and love as through this world we trod.
Many cried as Jesus' hands and feet were nailed to the cross.
Sadness came throughout the land from this great loss.
The people cried unto Pilate that Jesus should die.
Pilate answered back "What evil has he done". Why?
When Jesus died upon the cross the veil was rent,
Salvation was begun when baby Jesus to us was sent.
Christ died so victory over death each of us could win.
Christ had to die so His Blood would cover our sin.
Joseph laid Jesus in the tomb and the tomb was closed.
Early on Easter morning Christ Jesus arose.
Jesus arose from the dead and is alive forevermore.
God rolled the great stone back from the tomb's door.
Jesus said "Be not afraid" tell my brethren to go to Galilee.
And there everyone of them shall see Me.
Jesus said "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth".
The promise of God had been given even before His birth.
God's plan for salvation was to Earth his Son to send.
Jesus said "I am with you always, even until the end".
Christ Jesus died and arose that each of us might live.
He blood covered our sins that to Him we can give.
We thank You God for enlightening our way.
Thank You for making Easter such a blessed day.*

*Written by: Danny A. McBee
April 7, 2007*



Danny McBee has spent countless hours in the North Carolina area searching for Dedmons. He has been a lot of help with his unselfish sharing of material. Thanks Danny for the poem... He may be contacted at McBee49@aol.com.



This page is dedicated to the "branches" of our tree that are not Dedmons. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes inlaws, "outlaws" and other laws..

Robert Larry Daffron

January 21, 1943 - May 07, 2006

Robert Larry Daffron, age 63, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away Sunday, May 07, 2006 in a local hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was of the Protestant faith. He was the owner/operator of the Quik Burger Restaurant. His mother, Edna Mae Moore Daffron, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nancy Remell Smith Daffron of Cleveland; two children: Dawn Stansberry and husband Eric, and Rob Daffron, all of Cleveland; father, Robert Samuel Daffron of Cleveland; two grandchildren: Ryan Stansberry and Ashley Stansberry, both of Cleveland; and four aunts: Inez Rominger, Frances Scoggins, Betty Jo Snyder and Lois Dean James, all of Cleveland.

Graveside services with military honors will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with Reverend Kenneth Scoggins officiating. His family will receive friends from 6–9 p.m. Tuesday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home.

My connection to the Daffron family comes from my great-great grandmother Nazey Daffron. All I know about her is that her father was Joel Daffron and she had a brother named John. She was married to Alexander Wells and was the mother of Mary Wells. Mary was the second wife of William D. Dedmon and the mother of my grandfather, Thomas Judson Dedmon. I have always been told that Mary Wells was half-Indian. We actually have no proof of this, but if it be true, Nazey could have been an Indian. I have no idea if the Daffron in this obit is related, but there is a strong possibility. Here is hoping that someone out there will have the information needed to make the connection. So don't be bashful, just jump right in and share what you know. --Leroy

Patricia Anne Shirley age 81, of Knoxville, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital at 3:30 P.M. Thursday, February 15, 2007. She was a faithful member of Laurel Church of Christ. Her ministry was writing notes of encouragement to the shut-ins and bereaved. She was on the staff of the University of Tennessee for 27 years and retired in 1987 as bookkeeper in the department of Physics. She was a published writer and received many writing awards including the Margaret Artley Woodruff Award, the Captain Robert A. Burke Award, and First Place for short story in the Tennessee Mountain Writers Association. Patricia has produced three books: Pearl, Dear Flora Mae and Other Short Stories, and Mary Pearl Kline. Her writings have appeared in many anthologies and in regional and national magazines such as "Modern Maturity," "Appalachian Heritage," and "Now and Then." She was often heard reading her works on NPR station WUOT in Knoxville. She wrote the sketch on Governor John Sevier which was included in the recently published Encyclopedia of Appalachia. Patricia was a member of UDC, Appalachian Writers Association, Appalachian Studies Association, Knoxville Writers Group, and the National League of American Pen Women. Her hobby was quilting and she made beautiful quilts for each of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Shirley, Sr.; one son, Raymond Shirley, Jr. of Knoxville; daughter, Linda Anne Roberson of Maryville; daughter, Christina Collette and husband, Dr. Lindsey Back of Morehead, KY; nine grandchildren, Stephen Shirley and wife, Elizabeth of Murfreesboro, Michael Shirley and wife, Dr. Amy Shirley of Murfreesboro, Jonathan Roberson of Cushing, OK, Lesley Livingston and husband, Josh of Maryville, Jeff Roberson and wife, Amanda of Maryville, Lori Logan and husband, Eric of Flemingsburg, KY, Ryan Back of Morehead, KY, Mark Shirley of Knoxville, and Christopher Shirley of Chattanooga; four great grandchildren, Jordan, Claire, Tristan, and Luke Shirley of Murfreesboro. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of St. Mary's Hospital for the excellent care they provided to Patricia during her short illness. Funeral service 7:00 P.M. Monday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel with Al Behel officiating. Family and friends will meet at Tennessee Veterans' Cemetery Tuesday for a 9:30 A.M. interment service. Grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, World Christian Broadcasting, or Laurel Church of Christ Building Fund. The family will receive friends 5:30-7:00 P.M. Monday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel.

Pat Shirley's husband, Raymond is my wife's first cousin. He is the oldest child of the oldest uncle (Bill Shirley). There were about thirteen children of grandmother Sarah Jane Shirley. The Shirley family were originally from the Bridgeport, Alabama area. Raymond was a preacher of the Church of Christ for several years as well as an elder at the Laurel Church in Knoxville, TN.