

THE Volume 75

DEDMON

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BE FRUITFUL AND REPLENISH THE EARTH

Ever since God gave the command to Adam and again to Noah and family, we have had babies born. In fact the birth rate is greater than the death rate. The world population is now estimated to be around seven billion. I am not sure I could count to a billion or how long that would take. It is estimated that within 40 years it will be in excess of ten billion. That's a lot of people.

I don't know how many of these are of Dedmon descendent, but not many, if you compare us to the Smiths or Jones. Actually, while Smith is the number one surname in North America, Jones is number four. Johnson and Williams precede it. We do not even make the top 100 most popular surname. Of course, the upside of that is that most of us are related. However, as we often say, if you go back far enough we all are related. Also, there are Dedmon descendents in the other surnames. My sister Ruth, for example is a Smith. My other sister, Carolyn is a Price and that surname is number 76 in the top 100. The best I can tell is that Dedmon is number 14,450, with our other spellings as follows: Dedman: 20,785, Dedmond: 82,019, Deadman: 74,675, Deadmon: 67,936 and Deadmond: 64,572. At least we are not the least common surname in the United States. I heard it was Acres.

Growing up, I did not know many Dedmons and the ones I knew were my cousins, except one. Anette Dedmon was in school at Rossville and we naturally assumed we were not kin, since we didn't know each other prior to High School. To this day, I have not connected her family to ours, although, there is no doubt in my mind that we are kin. Through the years I have met or known of others with the Dedmon surname. John Dedmon, from the West Tennessee married Tish Winstead, the daughter of our songleader while we were at Springfield. I discovered there were several Dedmons around Milan, TN, but have never connected them with my "tree".

There were others in the Middle Tennessee area, that I have connected with since I began the research project. One of those families was the Deadman Funeral Home owners in Manchester, TN. I assumed since the spelling was different, we were not related... wrong!!! Back in the '80s, when Jeff Dedmon was pitching for the Atlanta Braves, I wondered if we could possibly be related, but never went there to meet him. My son, Gary, met him while he was working with the Nashville Sounds and Jeff was playing on a minor league team. Neither knew enough about their families to make a connection. We discovered in recent years we are related.

Another Dedmon family grew up in Chattanooga and we never crossed paths until I began the research project and ran into Tim Dedmon. Tim has been a tremendous help in finding valuable information pertaining to the family. He spent hours researching the "murder" of our ancestor, Mark Dedmon. It was obvious we were related, but it took a little "digging" to make the connection. I have since met his brother Wayne and his daughter Sarah. I have also corresponded with Sarah's sisters, Carmen and Jillian. In the last issue of the Dedmon Connection, I featured Jillian's wedding.

The creation of the web page has brought me in contact with many of my family members. One of those families that have surfaced is the descendents of Alfred Dedmon, my grandfather's half brother. In fact, Adam Miller, is one of those and his wedding was featured in Volume 74 of the Connection.

Down
Memory Lane



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



TWISTER RIPS RINGGOLD, KILLING SEVEN

We watched the “eye on the storm” special all day long on April 27, 2011. The message was, “If you don’t have to get out, stay home”. It was Wednesday and I was scheduled to teach a class at Chattsworth,

GA. Around six I called one of the elders at Chatsworth to check on the weather conditions there. He confirmed what I thought from the weather map, that all is well there. So we left home and made the journey to Chattsworth and taught the class. As which was our “habit” we met our friends from Dalton, the Hackneys, for after church snack at the Cracker Barrel in Dalton. Their daughter called while we were eating with a report that the tornado

had hit Ringgold and done a lot of damage. I guess the word damage did not translate into devastation, so we didn’t think a lot about it.



We finished our meal and began the journey north toward Ringgold. It was an “eery” feeling as the wind was unusually strong and the sky was extremely dark. It was around 9:00 and all the damage had already occurred but the air spoke of danger. We got off I-75 at exit 345 without a clue that just 3 miles north at exit 348 the businesses had been leveled as you can see in the above picture. We turned on

Bandy Road and continued toward home. There was a tree across the road, with just enough space to ease by, so we came home still not comprehending the extent of the damage just five miles away. When I logged on the

computer and signed into the facebook account, my heart skipped a beat as what I was seeing. My neighbor, Cindy Dedmon, who is married to my nephew, Brian, was giving a minute by minute account of what was happening in Ringgold. Of course, Brian, being a Georgia State Trooper was to say the least on duty. His sister, Kym, who lived in Ringgold had suffered damage to her house and she was with her daughter, Amanda, waiting on Brian to rescue them from the house with a fallen roof, they were ok, but am sure they were very frightened. This they later confirmed as it was almost



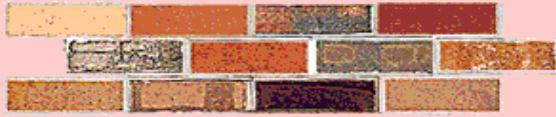
midnight before Brian was able to get them and bring them to his house. They were right in the path of the storm that ripped down the corridor of Hwy. 151 and moving across to the schools which was a stone throw away. The storm then crossed White Oak Mountain and wiped out a mile stretch of houses up Cherokee Valley, killing a family of four. The Christopher Black family had obeyed the request of the weathermen and stayed home. I don’t have all the details of what took place at their home that night, but it had to be a terrible ordeal for them to experience which resulted in the loss of all their lives. I have been unable to determine for certain if they were kin to us, but I believe they were. Eight months later there are still some of the businesses and houses that are not rebuilt. It is my understanding that some of them are not planning to rebuild. There were seven lives lost in Ringgold that evening and more from the storm as it turned northward into Tennessee. The church at Ooltewah, where I now preach dismissed their services that evening as did most churches in the storm warning area. The

storm missed the church building but some of the members suffered a little damage to their houses and trees, but a lot of damage was done in the area. Other churches sent us funds to enable us to assist several of the families in the storm area.



A couple of weeks later a wind storm swept across our yard causing several trees to be uprooted, one of the trees I lost is the redbud tree on the left. It was splintered to the ground, but we were thankful the storm did no damage to our house.

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.

RESPONSE FROM OUR READERS

I love it when we get responses as the one I am publishing here. I posted the email from Mike Carpenter in a previous issue and recently received an email from Brenda Bridges, who is of course a Dedmon cousin ...

From: Brenda Bridges
[mailto:msewbridgesbb@yahoo.com]

I was reading your newsletter and from; "you're Brick Wall" (part of my Dedmon family)

I am the great-grandson of ALBERT JENKINS DEDMON and Louisa Irvin and I am trying to find someone who has the story of Louisa's birth and stay with Indians when her mother died. It is a story that my Grandmother (Beulah Dedmon Scism) told - but I never recorded it. Is there a way to search your back issues to determine if you have published it or maybe you could Ask your readers. - Mike Carpenter

I was told this story while I was working on my Dedmon Family. My Great grand father, Jessie Frank Dedmon was the brother to Albert J. Dedmon. Some of the children would not talk to me telling me "their family was none of my business" Then one that I went to visit let me copy some photos. Then a daughter-in-law gave me more information. She told me about a Lady on the Irvin side of the family. I hit the jack pot with all the dates and newspaper obits for this Dedmon Family and the story about Mr. Irvin and his wife going out west. Louisa Irvin Dedmon did not want to tell her story outside her family and the children did as she wished. All this was long ago when I first got interested in family history I remember thinking what a beautiful love story.

From a newspaper (clipping; Mr. Irvin married to Mary Evans in August 1870, living one year near his father's home. In 1871 he decided to go West going first to Arkansas Taking his wife with child in a wagon, he started on the journey, which was a very sad one, for death visited the lonely wagon as they traveled and took away his wife. It was a sparsely settled

region and was forced to drive seventeen miles before finding a suitable burying place (some where in Arkansas beside a wall of rocks). This is when he gave his child to an Indian lady to keep her safe and feed her. He told them he would return for her. He left for Texas and two years later he returned for his daughter. His daughter was covered in pokeberry juice to made her skin red, He grab his child and tossed money to the Indian lady and headed to the train and brought her home to Cleveland County. She had a hard time adjusting and Mr. Irvin got a black lady to come and help raise her. This child was Louise (Mrs. ALBERT JENKINS Dedmon).

There are several obstacles we encounter while doing family research and one of them is those who do now wish to share information. I realize there are things in our past that we wish had not happened, but that is history and we are family. We do not have to be embarrassed or feel ashamed over whatever our ancestors have done. Keep in mind they did the best they could under adverse circumstances. I began this project in order to leave my children and grandchildren information that would let them know something of our history. I had no idea, it would grow to the size it is. Other obstacles are just the fact that many Dedmons do not know much about their ancestors. This may be true of other families as well. To tell the truth I only knew my grandfather's name, but nothing beyond that when I started. Another obstacle is fractured families. With the divorce rate around 50% in our society, our family is affected as well. It is not unusual to find situations where children know nothing or very little of their fathers. I have several who have contacted me to help find information about their fathers that may have left when they were small. This is unfortunate, but is life. Then there is death which faces all of us and some lose their loved ones at an early age. My children never knew their maternal grandfather, and were very young when their maternal grandmother passed away. Another obstacle is the spelling of the name. Deadman is the name we brought from England, prior to that there are other names such as Debnam, referring to the city of origin. Then all the variations: Dedman, Deadmon, Dedmond, Dedmont, etc. All of these factors make it difficult to find all the connections to make our history complete. Please help all you can. --Leroy

THE TRIBE INCREASETH.....

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." Psa. 27:4-5

The Dedmon family has been blessed with additions to the family. I tried to get information from several families, but so far not many have responded. However, I will be more than glad to publish pictures of your new borns any time you send them.



MAKAYLA



"OUR DAUGHTERS (GWEN) GRANDCHILDREN"
(L-R) CASSIDY, CURT, MAKAYLA AND MASIE WEBB
THEY LIVE IN HARALSON COUNTY, GA



"MAMA JANE AND GRANDDADY WITH THE WEBBS"

Makayla Nichole Webb

On April 26, 2010 our fourth great grandchild made her debut into the world. It was the day after the tornado ripped through Catoosa County, so it makes it easy for me to remember. This brings the number of Children for our granddaughter, Carrie to four. Although Cassidy is her step daughter, we count her as our great granddaughter. The only granddaddy I actually knew was my step granddaddy, but we didn't know the difference between step and natural. He treated us all alike. We were able to pose for the picture to the left with Carrie Jane and all the children. Of course Makayla is the baby in the picture and (L_R) Masie, Curt and Cassidy. Carrie has done her share to provide us with some beautiful great grandchildren.



MICHELE AND BRADY

Brady Mac Dedmon

Brady Mac becomes the first boy with the Dedmon surname in the "next generation" on my side of the family. He was born to our grandson, Jonathan and his wife Michele on Oct. 17, 2011. I guess it is obvious as to the college football team the parents want him to support. Who knows what might happen in years to come, as he might just come to his senses, when he can think for himself. Of course, I failed with my son Gary as he has always been a "Crimson Tide" supporter. Oh well, I am sure there are worse things.

We made the picture to the right while visiting them in Springfield, TN, in order to have a "four generation picture. We had five generations as Masie was born before my mom and dad passed away. However, we never got a picture with

daddy but we did get one with mother. We still have a grandson, Greg, not yet married, so we anticipate more of these wonderful "bundles of joy". Who knows, Jonathan and Michele may not be finished either. I am sure they would like a little girl... or another boy.



BRADY MAC

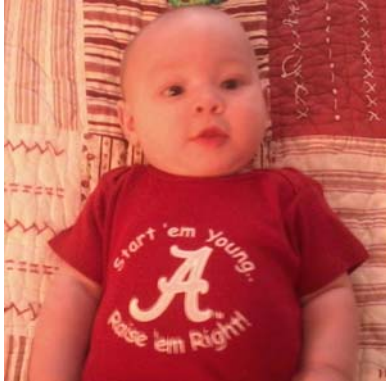


BRADY MAC AT 3 MONTHS



FOUR GENERATIONS
JONATHAN, BRADY, LEROY AND GARY

Bradley Walker Dedmon



BRADLEY WALKER DEDMON

My brother, Bill, became the proud grandfather of his sixth grandchild on March 4th, 2011. His youngest son Craig and wife, Brittany Walker Dedmon became parents for the first time. Bradley Walker Dedmon is the first boy grandchild for Bill and Connie. However, Bradley is in the same generation as my two grandsons, Greg and



CRAIG, BRADLEY AND BRITTANY DEDMON

Jonathan, which still gives us hope in Bradley to continue the family name. Also, Greg is still not married, so we have a little hope that he might come through for us in this department. Of course, we might have some more boys from Jonathan and who knows, even Craig might have us another boy. So for now we feel comfortable that the name will continue. Of course there are still other Dedmon lines that have boys. Tim Dedmon has two boys, but I am not sure he has any grandchildren yet. I have some cousins with male children and grandchildren. Marvin Dedmon's son, Ryan, just married. His wedding was featured in the last issue of the "Dedmon Connection". My brother, Bill has six grandchildren, but Bradley is the only boy. His son Brian had three girls and his daughter Kym Cochran has two girls. Brian and Cindy informed us that they were finished in the children department, so we were delighted to learn that Craig and Brittany were expecting a boy. It is not difficult to figure out which football team for which they are "grooming" Bradley. Just look at his granddaddy!!



BRADLEY WILL SOON BE A YEAR OLD. HE IS "LOOKING GOOD".

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MY BROTHER BILL'S GRANDCHILDREN

THE TWO GIRLS ON THE LEFT OF CONNIE ARE AMANDA AND JESSICA, THE THREE YOUNGER GIRLS IN THE FRONT (L-R) BRIANA, MORGAN AND HANA AND OF COURSE IN BILL'S ARM IS BRADLEY.

Haley Marie Teeter

The Ohio Dedmons are another branch of our tree that has not been traced back to a common ancestor on the John Deadman family tree. However, we are not giving up and lately have found several Dedmons in the Canton, Ohio area. Among those that I have known for some time is Tatathia Nelson, the granddaughter of Leon Dedmon. Pictured here is Tabathia's daughter, Haley Marie. Haley was born September 10, 2010.



A baby will make
love stronger, days
shorter, nights longer,
bankroll smaller,
home *happier*,
clothes shabbier, the
past forgotten and
the future worth
living for.

- Anonymous



GAVIN THOMAS, NEWBORN

Gavin Thomas Grant

My brother, Tommy, became a grandpa for the first time on January 29th, 2012, when his daughter Jennifer gave birth to Gavin Thomas Grant. Although, he was about a month early, he still weighed 5'-11oz. He made his debut into this world at the Baptist Hospital in Nashville, TN. He is doing very well and both mom and baby got to go home within a couple of days. As the picture to the right shows, he is still doing great.



GAVIN THOMAS AT ABOUT TWO WEEKS OLD



JENNIFER AND DAVID GRANT WITH LEROY DEDMON 2007

which is a men's clothing store and Jennifer works at one of the banks in Nashville.

I was very honored when they asked me to perform their wedding ceremony. Jennifer and David Grant were married in Nashville, Tennessee several years ago. They both found jobs and moved to "Music City". David works for Joseph A. Banks,



TOMMY AND DIANE

Tommy is married to Diane Sparkman and they celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in December of 2011.

I would say they are old enough to be grandparents. Tommy is retired from Dalton State College, where he was Maintenance Supervisor. He works part time for The Gospel Broadcasting Network and Diane works part time for Country Inn Suites as their book-keeper. Jennifer is the youngest of their three children. She grew up two doors from where I live now. David is from Jasper, GA and attended Dalton State College here in Dalton, GA. Tony lives in Dalton, GA and works at



JENNIFER AND GAVIN THOMAS GRANT



TOMMY AND TEDDY "MOVE OVER TEDDY, YOU GOT COMPETITION"

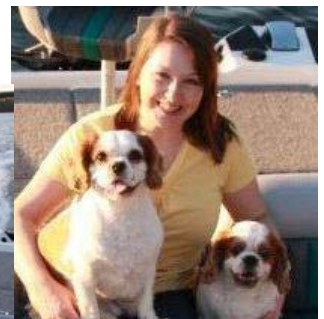


TONY DEDMON

Wal-Mart and is not married. Teresa is married to Sean Guerrero and lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. Sean has his own motor repair shop and Teresa is a stay at home "mom" for her two faithful puppy dogs.



SEAN GUERRERO



TERESA DEDMON GUERRERO

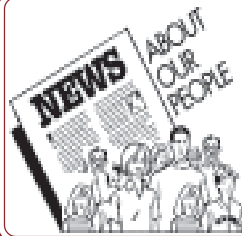


In Volume #73 of the Dedmon Connection, I published this picture along with the following email from her father, Adam Dedmon. As far as I know Ellery is the only Dedmon born in Istanbul. I am republishing the picture as I am featuring some of our babies.

Hello Leroy,

I corresponded with you a few years ago, and I just now saw that my picture was in volume 64, page 6. I thought I'd say hello, just to add a bit of info to your genealogy work. Right now I live with my wife and two kids in Istanbul, Turkey. We work at the Koc School, a private school for Turkish students. My youngest daughter (Ellery Koray Dedmon), just might be the only Dedmon (so far) to have been born in Istanbul. The only info I can give you about my family, you can find in volume 3 of your newsletter. Thanks for the effort with the newsletter.

--Adam Dedmon



Telling tales to toddlers, parents Learning:

A countywide library program aimed at infants uses interactive nursery rhymes to help them develop language skills.

Although 9-week-old Kyle Dedmon slept through about half of his first infant story time at the Taneytown library recently, his mother, Angie Dedmon, said she was glad she brought him.

Dedmon and her husband, Don, have been reciting nursery rhymes to their first child since he was born. The story time, which is one of a few countywide geared to children who are not yet crawling or walking, gave Dedmon a chance to expand the family's repertoire. Dedmon said she hopes exposing Kyle to books at such an early age will help foster a lifelong interest in learning.

Robert Titzer, an assistant professor of kinesiology and health studies at Southeastern Louisiana University who conducts early learning workshops across the country, said Dedmon is on the right track. "The brain develops faster in infancy than any other time in life," said Titzer, who began teaching his daughter to read as an infant. Susan Roberts, program manager for the county library system, agrees. Story times for infants appear to help them develop language skills, which is one reason branches around the county began offering them.

In Westminster, the infant story times have proved so popular that branch staff members had to add a weekly session Wednesdays to complement the two Thursday sessions, Roberts said.

Laurie Precht, children's information associate at the Taneytown branch, said story times there are grouped by developmental skills rather than age. "Separating the babes in arms from the crawlers and walkers makes it much easier to reach each specific group," Precht said. Alan Bowman, 7 1/2 months, giggled gleefully as Precht led his mom, Beth, and the other mothers through a series of interactive nursery rhymes during a recent story time. Alan waved his arms through a rollicking version of "Johnny Will Ride" and laughed when he tumbled into his mother's lap as part of the routine accompanying "Humpty, Dumpty."

Beth Bowman said she reads regularly to Alan, her fourth child. Although at this age, he "wants to chew the books more than he wants to read them," Bowman said she believes reading can make a difference. "I read to all my children and they've all done really well in school," she said. "My oldest daughter even skipped a grade."

I have no idea who Angie Dedmon is, but just maybe someone who reads this will know. I always like to publish articles that feature the members of the Dedmon family. I hope you enjoy this article as it is an interesting one to me. Anytime you run across articles that are about someone in the Dedmon family, send them to me. -Leroy

DEATH NOTICES

Charles W. "Chuck" Dedmon Jr.

Graveside service for Mr. Charles W. "Chuck" Dedmon, Jr., 65, of Monroe, LA will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at Stoneville Cemetery in Stoneville, MS with Rev. Larry Stafford officiating under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home Sterlington Rd. Monroe.

Mr. Dedmon passed away on December 17, 2011. He was a graduate of Mississippi State University. Mr. Dedmon was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Monroe. He was the CFO for Southeast Foods and had been with the company since 1989. Mr. Dedmon loved the outdoors, but especially fishing and working in the yard.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Gloria J. Dedmon; daughter, Melanie Dedmon; parents, Charles William Dedmon, Sr. and Frances Dedmon; mother-in-law, Jean McDaniel, sister-in-law, Shiela Cockrell and husband Carl and numerous other family members.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Mosley, Buell Nunnery, Jr., John Maggio, Johnny Weilenman, Jeff Chitwood, and Robbie Jester. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Monroe.

Eula Massey Dedmon

(August 27, 1925 - October 29, 2011)

Eula M. Dedmon, 86 of Vicksburg, MS, died Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Vicksburg Convalescent Home. Graveside services will be Monday, October 31, 2011 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS., with Reggie Crawford officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Survivors Include: Daughters: Joni McGarrh, Vicksburg, MS; Donna Gray Sullivan of Vicksburg, MS; Bettye Hynum Walker of Greenville, MS; Son: Larry E. Chafton of Brooksville, Fl. Grandchildren: Tommy Gray, Jimmy Gray, Clifton Hynum, David Chafton, Robert Hynum, Joey Chafton, Erik McGarrh, and Laura McGarrh Barlow Thirteen Great grandchildren and Six Great great grandchildren. Brothers: Ralph Massey of Mendalhall, MS and Bruce Massey of Vicksburg, MS. Preceded in death by: Father: Clifton Clyde Massey Sr.; Mother: Laura Lucille Massey; Husband: **Richard A. Dedmon Jr.**; Sister: Margorie Coulter; Brother: Clifton Massey Jr.

William F. Dedmon

I found this photostat copy of William F. Dedmon's obit. I may have published the information in a prior issue since he passed away over ten years ago. However there is some valuable information contained therein for some of the blanks I had in the family tree and figured others may not have the information either. As I have repeated many times, I had rather publish it more than once than not at all.

Cleveland County, North Carolina obituary collection

William Dedmon
SHELBY - Mr. William F. Dedmon, 76, of 254 Buffalo Church Road, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at his home.

A native of Shelby, he was the son of the late F.S. and Jennie Alexander Dedmon. He was founder and President of Asphalt Paving of Shelby, Inc. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served on the LSM 45. He received the American Victory World War II medal and the Asiatic Pacific and I Star Medal. He served on the Salvation Army Advisory board and the Cleveland County Fair Association Board of Directors. He was a member and Director of the National Asphalt Pavement Association and Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association where he served as secretary and treasurer. He was a member of Waco Baptist Church and formerly belonged to Ross Grove Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Dedmon. He is survived by his wife, Betty Spangle Dedmon; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald Sr. and Dolores Dedmon of Shelby; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Krista and Bob Kustra of Greenville, S.C. and Jan and Mike Elder of Wake Forest; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Doris Dedmon of Shelby; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Clara and Lowell Shive of Greenville, and Rachel Dedmon of Chapel Hill; a sister-in-law, Joan Dedmon of Shelby; five granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Donna and Mike Cardascio, Jenny Kustra, Alison Kustra, Anna Kustra, and Gretchen Elder; two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Donald Jr. and Tisha Dedmon and Trent Elder; four great-grandchildren, Tripp Dedmon, Matthew Dedmon, Clay Dedmon, and Great-grandchildren, Cody and Chase Cardascio.

The funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ross Grove Baptist church with the Rev. Hunter Hay officiating.

Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Shelby Relay for Life, Attn: Paisley Payton, 500 E. Morehead St., Suite 211, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

Christopher Black

RINGGOLD - Christopher Dewayne Black, 47, departed this life Wednesday, April 27, 2011, along with his wife, Pamela Hargis Black and two children, Chelsea and Cody Black. Chris was an employee of Hicks Tufting and was of the Baptist faith. He is preceded in death by his father, George Henry Black. He is survived by his mother, Martha Carter, of Ringgold, Ga.; sister, Patti (Charles) Stephens, of Ringgold, Ga.; brother, Ricky Black, of Ringgold, Ga.; granddaughter, Beatrix Pearl Black and three nieces, Taylor, Casey and Haley. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Catoosa Baptist Tabernacle in Ringgold, Ga. Interment will follow at New Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday until funeral time. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home, Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Ga. An online register book may be signed at:

www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

(This family lost their lives in the tornado that devastated much of Ringgold on the night of April 27, 2011. Seven lives were lost in Ringgold that evening. This family of four were at home in Cherokee Valley. I am still trying to locate more information to determine if they are part of the Black family related to the Dedmons. --Leroy)