

**THE**

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**DEDMON**

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**LEROY DEDMON**

### AMI GETTING OLD OR WHAT?

Fifty years ago on October 7, 1962, when I finished my sermon and walked to the back of the building, there was a man standing at the door with a message. When I saw the man I was a little surprised as he never attended the services with his wife, who was a faithful member. He smiled and said, “You have a baby girl”... Well, let me back up about four or five hours. Jane woke me up that morning and said, “You had better take me to the hospital, it is time”. “Time for what?” I exclaimed. Then it hit me, and we grabbed the bag packed and ready to go to the hospital. If you know Jane, the bag had been packed almost nine months as she is one to always be prepared. We arrived at the emergency room and they called her doctor and put us in a room. In those days that was as far as the husband was allowed to go, so I sat down in the waiting room. I guess Jane told the nurse I was supposed to preach and had not got a substitute, so the nurse came out and said it would be several hours before the baby would arrive and I should go and preach. So I did... I remembered we waited 32 hours in the waiting room before our son was born two years prior, so I saw no reason not to leave the hospital. I made the mistake of announcing to the congregation what had taken place that morning and that was the last thing they heard me say. As I look back, I am surprised that most of them did not leave immediately for the hospital. I learned later the baby was born about the time I stepped into the pulpit that morning and Jane could not think of anyone to call except the man she knew would not be at church. Those were also the days way before cell phones. So now I am thinking, my baby is fifty years old. I have to be getting old...

Three years ago, my cousin and friend sent me an email informing me that my warranty had expired. Of course he was referring to the promise of the Scriptures, “Man’s days are three score and ten”. After pondering this, I replied that I was going to try for the, “and if by reason of strength, four score”. However, if I had paid attention to my brethren’s prayers, I would have known I was getting old.

When I first began preaching, I would hear prayers like, “Father, thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a long useful life in the kingdom”. Then, I began hearing, “Father, thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a ready recollection of the

things he has prepared”. Lately, I have began hearing, “Father, thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a few more years in your service”.



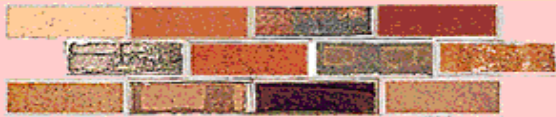
**BRADY MAC DEDMON CELEBRATES THE BIG NUMBER 1 BIRTHDAY..**



**GWEN DEDMON KILEY CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY WITH HER PARENTS, JANE AND LEROY DEDMON. GWEN IS THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE.**

Following our celebration of Gwen’s fiftieth birthday, we drove to Springfield, TN to celebrate our great grandsons first birthday. We spent the night at our friends house, Ike and Bea Turner in Morrison, TN. We can hardly believe Brady Mac is already a year old. How time flies.

## 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.*

***One of the many unsolved “mysteries” that has baffled the Dedmon Family researchers has been that of Seneca Dedmon. He shows up very early in the Georgia census, but there was always a “dead end” in trying to locate his father. I recently received this informative piece of information regarding him from my cousin, Tim Dedmon.***

On May 5, 2012, Jack Dale Dedmon and Leslie Alarcon joined the Debenham Surname DNA Project <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/debenham> thru Jack's 37 marker Y-DNA test, both being descendents of Seneca K Dedmon b 1799 Hall County, Georgia. Y-DNA is passed from father to son from generation to generation without change except for mutations. We were all very surprised when Jack's test came back showing that Seneca was a Manley. On September 9, 1811-March 1826 in Hall County, Georgia Isaac Dennett Manley, b. 1755 in Douglas, Goochland County, Virginia will leaves his estate to four children: "Wife. Rodney and Elizabeth Hall, son and daughter of Ann Hall and Cineca and Evalina Deadman son and daughter of Polly Deadman". At this time we think Isaac Dennett Manley is Seneca Deadman's father, but he may be his grandfather. Isaac Dennett Manley appears in the 1790 Union County, South Carolina Census with two free white males over 16, four free white females and one slave. Seneca Dedmon named his first two sons, one Henry P Dedmon after Beda's father and the other Isaac D Dedmon after his father or grandfather. We believe Polly Deadman's full name was Mary Polly Deadman and after Ceneca's sister Evalina was born in 1802, we believe Mary Polly Deadman married Isaac Freeland. They had a son John in 1803 the first of nine children. Isaac Freeland died in 1818 Habersham County, Georgia. Mary Freeland appears in the 1820 Habersham County, Georgia Census and in the 1830 Habersham County, Georgia Census Ceneca Dedmon appears living next door to his mother Mary An Freeland. Ceneca's sister Evalina went by the Freeland last name and married a Henry Watkins. Mary Polly

Deadman Freeland died February 27, 1842 in Georgia. We have not been able to connect Mary Polly to a Deadman/Dedmon family yet. We just knew she was probably a sister of Rachel Rebecca Deadman Cavender, but Edmond Deadman's will makes it very clear that he had five daughters, ElenorPoore, Elizabeth Hainline, Temperence Cross, Comfort Spriggs and Rachel Rebecca Cavender. Maybe Mary Polly Deadman was Native American, maybe she was a cousin of Rachel Rebecca Deadman, maybe she was a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier. We are asking for help in solving the still unanswered questions about Ceneca Dedmon's mother Mary Polly Deadman.

***Well, it seems to solve one mystery, creates another, but thanks to Tim, Jack and Leslie for their work in getting this much information. As you know the spelling of names are often confusing. Such is the case of Seneca. Even in this article it is spelled three different ways. Of course names were spelled as they sounded to the one doing the spelling. That was one of the first lessons I learned when I began my little project. If you have not joined Tim's DNA project, check it out. Tim has done a tremendous amount of work on this effort. <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Debenham/>***



SENECA AND BEDA DEDMON

**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!!!!*

## **Evans Van Buren Dedmon** by Brenda Putnam Bridges

Evans Van Buren was the first child of Jessie Frank and Lottie Wellmon Dedmon. He was born 1/14/1894 in the Ross Grove Community, moved to Grover when he was two, and in 1903 moved back to the Shelby



**JESSIE FRANK AND  
LOTTIE WELLMON DEDMON**

area. Here they established a farm at the right of Highway 150 near Buffalo Creek. He attended Rock Cut School, and worked with his family on the farm. On 9/14/1913, he married Jakie Ada Hoyle, born 4/28/1865. Jakie was the daughter of Martin Van and Josephine London Hoyle and granddaughter of Martin Van Hoyle III. They purchased land from his father and built a house that would become their home for six children and would see five of them grow and begin a family of their own. Edith Corrine, born 3/9/1915 (d. 8/17/1998), Dura Belle, born 9/13/1917 d. 2006, J. V. born 11/24/1919(d.2/6/1920), Talamage Lee born 4/18/1921(d.12/17/1977), Ralph Waldo born 5/18/1926(d.8/27/1986), and Alice Faye born 1/16/39( d.4/23/2003) . In 1919, Buren was designated and sworn in by Sheriff H. A. Logan as constable or in todays terms a deputy sheriff of Cleveland County. He still had time to run the family farm with the help of his wife and children. They lost their third child J.V. on 2/6/1920. For thirty- two years he wore the deputys star under Sheriff Logan, Irvin Allen, Raymond Cline, and Haywood Allen. He could hold your interest for hours telling of his experiences that he had during that time. Meanwhile, Jakie did the womanly duties: caring for the children, cooking, making most of the clothes, gardening, along with preserving the vegetables and fruits for later uses. She



**EVANS VAN BUREN DEDMON**

did some beautiful crocheted pieces, and quilts that family members cherish. Buren loved to hunt and fish, and Jakies greatest delight was cooking for the family and having their grandchildren over. Buren and Jakie had a virtuous life together and celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, their families, and their friends in 1963. On 7/30/1967 a storm was approaching their home and Buren went to get in fruit that was out drying and had a heart attack. After Burens death, Jakie lived with their son Talmage, until her health decline. The family decided it would be better for her in a nursing facility, where she died 4/20/1969. They are both buried at Buffalo Baptist Church where they were long time members and Buren served as a deacon. Buren and Jakie were proud of children. Edith Corrine, married 10/4/1936 Arthur Lee Putnam (b.2/5/1918 d.4/1/1997); Dura Belle, married 11/21/1936 Lawrence Grigg(b.6/10/1915 d.3/20/1968); Talamage Dedmon married 12/7/1946 Claudia Lee Spake(b.3/26/1931); Ralph Waldo, married 12/20/1950 Geneva Bell(b.6/20/1925); Alice Faye married 1959 Jack Newcomb and 1977 married Texter Bush(b.9/20/1948) ; one son J. V. Died early in childhood and is buried at Ross Grove Baptist cemetery:

## **Arthur Lee and Edith Corrine Dedmon Putnam** by Brenda Putnam

Arthur Lee was born 2/5/18 and the fourth child of Arthur Glenn and Minnie Grigg Putnam. Minnie was the daughter to R. M. and Alice Clay Grigg. Due to death of Minnie when Arthur was two he along with two brothers and a sister went to live with Minnie's family in Waco . Here a large family raised them. They worked hard on their grandfather's farm. They attended Waco school and were members of New Prospect Baptist Church . We all know that the month of May is full of churches having Memorials or as some call, "homecomings" .In 1934 this event changed the life of Arthur Lee and his cousin Lawrence Grigg. Buren and Jakie Dedmon from over in the Buffalo community were visiting and brought two beautiful daughters with them. Arthur Lee found the eldest daughter, Corrine very intriguing. Two years later and several trips on foot four miles he asks for her hand in marriage. So 10/4/1936 they were married. A month (11/21/36) later Arthur's cousin Lawrence married Corrine's sister Dura Belle. Arthur and Corrine rented a small house next to Corrine's home place. Here they farmed and Arthur worked for the railroad. On 5/7/1939 their first child was born, Jessie Van Putnam. Shortly after Jessie birth they made a move to Kings Mountain and rented a house from Arthur's aunt Elta Wright's father-in- law,

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David P. Wright, and later purchased land off Oak Grove Road in the Patterson Grove Community from him and built a general store that became a gathering place for all. Shortly after the new business they had there second child, Brenda Lee 5/2/48. Arthur was working for the state highway and decided to form a new business with Melvin Wright (his uncle by marriage) "Wright and Putnam Construction," They built beautiful custom homes. Corrine managed the store and kept books for both store and construction business. They worked hard and sent Jessie to college at Carolina School of Pharmacy and Brenda to the School of Cosmetology. In 1966, Arthur had his first heart attack and it was around this time that they closed the store and purchased a house in Florida . This became their winter retreat. One of the greatest pleasures for them was to bring their friends and family oranges and grapefruits from their trees in Florida . Arthur Lee did get one of his custom homes built in 1969. Arthur Lee was a deer-hunting fanatic in his younger days, from the coast to the mountains; he had been there hunting. They both stayed busy gardening, with Corrine canning the vegetables and fruits for family, friends and to sell along with fresh produces. Corrine found great joy in making Quilt's and giving each grandchild one. A rule that they live by "Your friends and neighbors are a valuable treasure, be good to them and they will do the same to you." Arthur Lee died 4/1/1997 and Corrine 8/17/1998 both are buried at Patterson Grove Baptist Church where they were active members until their death. Arthur Lee and Corrine had the following children; 1. Jessie Van Putnam B. 5/7/1939 Married 9/16/1961 Helen Janice Moore B.3/20/1939 2.Brenda Lee Putnam B.5/2/1948 Married 12/10/1977 Eddie Warren Bridges B.4/25/1948



**HEZEKIAH AND ROXANNA WEATHERS DEDMON,  
THE PARENTS OF JESSIE FRANK DEDMON.**

## From the Mail Bag



From: [msewbridgesbb@yahoo.com](mailto:msewbridgesbb@yahoo.com)

To: [gl dedmon@windstream.net](mailto:gl dedmon@windstream.net)

Subject: The Dedmon Cousins/JFD -

Welcome to the site! You have been added to the website! Your URL is: <http://familylobby.com/dedmon>  
Your login is: E-Mail: [gl dedmon@windstream.net](mailto:gl dedmon@windstream.net)  
Password: (Click the link below to reset password if you do not have it) (<http://ommitted.onpurpose.com>)

FAMILY MEMBER ,Hi Leroy ,We hope you enjoy our family website. any time. You can change your password and other information by going to the Member Area after you log in. There you will see various options, including Change Password and Edit Profile. In your profile, you can enter more details about yourself. (Address, Birthday, Anniversary, etc..) All the information is optional. Your private information is only available to members of the website that are given the privilege to view it. You can do all of the following when you log in:- Post news - Upload photo albums - Add a recipe- Post messages on the discussion board - And more! We hope you enjoyed your visit to the family website. password: (\*\*\*) good luck, COUSIN Brenda

*I encourage each of you to visit the Cousins website at [http://familylobby.com/dedmon/...](http://familylobby.com/dedmon/) You have to register, but you can view as a guest and then request a login. Thanks to Brenda for the information she submitted on her family, which is published on page three and the left column of this page (4)... I saw on her website a reference to the Hambright family and since she is from King's Mountain, I asked her if she was related to them, which prompted the following reply:*

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

**To:** Leroy Dedmon

**Subject:** Re: family

My mother's 1st cousin married a Hambright, Her name is Carolyn Dedmon Hambright married : "Fain" Ralph Hambright This is the only Hambright I related. Did you enjoy my Dedmon Cousins site?

*I certainly did enjoy the Dedmon Cousins site and thank Brenda for her efforts in making it available to us. I used to correspond with Fain Hambright prior to his passing away. I am related on my grandmother Templeton's side of the family to the Hambrights. I go back to Col. Fedrick Hambright.*

### Judy Dedmon

Judy grew up in a military family. Her early exposure to different cultures, foods and ideas influenced her world



JUDY DEDMON

view. Learning how to not pack up and move every two and half years has proved to be one of life's great challenges. Now that she's managed to live in Dallas for 22 years, it's possible that she has conquered the restlessness of her early life. The same cannot be said of her career choices. Well in to her fifties, she is still open to new opportunities.

In January, after twelve years as a stay-at-home mom, she started a program in health and nutrition at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and as of July 2009, she is a Certified Health Counselor. From first grade to Law School, she attended 18 different schools, graduating from Olgethorpe University with a degree in History and Political Science before going on to graduate school. She earned a Master's degree in Library Science in 1973 and a law degree in 1977 both at Emory University. Four years at the Department of Interior practicing Environmental and Real Property law somehow led to a fifteen-year stint at Fannie Mae.

After three years in the legal department, she moved into management. She served almost ten years as Senior Vice President of the Southwestern Regional office in Dallas, overseeing 250 employees and over 300 lenders in a ten state region. She retired in 1996 to spend more time with her family. During her stay at home years, she got reacquainted with her husband and children, took up exercising, polished up her healthful recipes, and erased the effects of fifteen years in corporate America. Judy wrote a book, not yet published, but there's plenty of time. She volunteered for her sons' schools, her community and her church, and organizations including Children's International Summer Villages and Boot Camp for Goddesses. She joined three book clubs because left to her own devices, she reads books the world will not long remember. And because old habits die hard, she travels the United States and the world.

*Judy is married to Frank Coyle and a daughter of Roy Lane Dedmon, featured in volume 77 of the DEDMON CONNECTION. Follow her stories on the internet at: <http://goodnewsgirlz.com> or you can connect with her on facebook.*



### Charles B. Dedmon

Mr. Dedmon is an expert on the aviation industry. He has been involved in the aviation business since 1969. He has extensive experience with design, engineering, manufacture and distribution of FAA approved replacement parts. He has

testified before a U.S. House of Representatives' Sub-Committee and has participated in crash investigations and engine tear down inspections with both the FAA and NTSB.

Mr. Dedmon graduated from Rice University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in economics and later from Southern Methodist University with a master's degree in business administration. He began his career in the aviation business in 1969 when he joined Superior Air Parts, Inc., where he held the position of vice president. His responsibilities included marketing, product development, Federal Aviation Administration regulatory compliance, product liability insurance matters and litigation. In 1985 he became president upon Superior's acquisition by NEOAX, Inc.

In 1990, Mr. Dedmon formed Aircraft Technology Corporation, Inc., and served as its president until its sale in 1998. AirTech's primary business was designing, engineering, manufacturing and distributing FAA approved replacement parts for aircraft engines.

Since the sale of AirTech he has worked as a consultant for Aviation Consulting Group, Inc., where he provides consulting services with regard to FAA regulations in the area of product certification, engineering and manufacturing. He also provides consultation involving product liability insurance, exposure and litigation.

Dedmon has testified as an industry expert before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee that was investigating competition in the aviation replacement parts industry. He has given presentations at a number of FAA sponsored events. He has also actively participated in aircraft crash investigations and engine tear down inspections with both the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board. He has been involved in product liability litigation and antitrust litigation. His expertise also includes parts manufacturer approval (PMA), FAA quality audits, supplier control, engineering approval and regulatory questions.

*(I don't know where Charles fits into the family tree, but a guy that smart must be related to us.)*

## DEATH NOTICES

### Bob Dedmon

PAMPA - Bob Dedmon, 76, died Tuesday, August 23, 2005. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors, Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Mr. Dedmon married Nita Ray of Pampa on Sept. 3, 1949, and celebrated 54 years of marriage. Bob was a 32nd degree Mason and was past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Miami. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Holland of Denton and Sandra Gilbert of Livingston; a son, Michael Dedmon of Pampa; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner St., Pampa, TX 79065.

### Plumas County Adventures

Located on a hill between Quincy and East Quincy, lies the Quincy Cemetery. This database was assembled from cemetery notes, not by inspection of the markers. Note that the Reference Number (Ref) is the approximate chronological order in which remains were placed in the cemetery. The date of death (DOD) and location (Lot No) are indicated. You may find some miscellaneous information (fraternal affiliation, if cremated) on some of the records. Send Ron EMail: [rooke@csuchico.edu](mailto:rooke@csuchico.edu)  
**Dedman, Martha J.** (ashes) 1950  
I 109 665

**Dedmen Henry Pool** 1933  
I 109 1347

**Dedmon Archie Lloyd** 1956  
I 109 (ashes) 1989

**Dedmon, Florence M.** (ashes)  
1993 I 110 1346

**Dedmon, Herbert Le Roy** 1956  
I 109 ashes

Plumas County (Plumas National Forest) California)

### EVALEE DAVIS

Evalee Gloria Davis, 68, of Waldron died Wednesday, November 22, 2000 in her home. She was a retired factory worker and a Baptist. Graveside services were held at 10 am on Saturday, November 25, 2000 with burial at Birdsvew Cemetery in Waldron under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron. She is survived by six daughters, Gloria Kilcollins of Mena, Laura Jeanette Morphew and **Sandy Brazel Dedmon** both of Waldron, Diane Bowles of Tulsa, Tana Gordon of Tulsa and Jonna Hoffman of Texarkana; five sons, Bob Brazel of Roseburg, Oregon, Ted Brazel of Waldron, Gary Brazel of Hatfield, Arkansas, Ronnie Hoffman of Mena and Russell Hoffman of Florida; 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were **Bob Dedmon**, Audie Powell, Gary Kilcollins, Cyrus Humphreys, Mark Wagner and Dean Willis.

### Karen Hale

Mrs. Karen Hale, age 42, of South Carthage, died Thursday evening, June 6, 2002, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John Hale; daughter, Katrina Dedmon; mother, Lois Dixon; and sister, Patricia Ray, all of South Carthage. Mrs. Hale's remains are at the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. Her service will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at the Carthage Church of the Nazarene with Bro. Ray Gomer officiating. Interment will follow in the Smith County Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the Carthage Chapel on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until departure for the church at 2:45 p.m. Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage, directors.

### Byars Cemetery, Byars, McClain County Oklahoma

From Interstate 35, East on Highway 59 appx. 17 Miles to Byars Ok. Then South on 3rd. Street for five ( 5 ) Blocks to end of Street, then East past Byars School for appx. 1/2 Mile. On South side of Street. Anyone wanting to contact the City Hall in Byars, for other information or to make Donations to the Cemetery Fund, Please Write to. Bryars Town Hall, P.O. Box 251, Bryars OK. 74831

### DEDMON, EMERY G.

26 MAY 1928 — 21 DEC 1997  
ss/ FAY B. Md: 9 oct 1948  
"Beloved Father"  
(Blk 9 Lot 2 new add)

### DEDMON, (GOLDEN) FAY B.

18 FEB 1929 -- \_\_\_\_  
ss/EMERY G  
"Beloved Mother"

Parents of Vonna

( Blk 9 Lot 2 new add )

### DEDMON, MARY ALICE

25 DEC 1907 — 25 MAR 1966  
ss/ RABIN EDGAR  
(Blk 26 Lot 3 new add)

### DEDMON, HAROLD DENE

26 JAN 1931 — 19 DEC 1995  
"Dad & Grandpa"

US ARMY KOREA CPL Trucker,  
Beloved Brother "DENE"  
(Blk 26 Lot 3 new add)

### DEDMON, ROBIN EDGAR

13 MAY 1904 — 3 SEP 1990  
ss/ MARY ALICE  
(Blk 26 Lot 3 new add )

### DEDMON, MARY

Mary Dedmon - 94 Services @ Golden Gate St. Marys Chapel, 2349 Cedar Crest Blvd., Monday April 21, 2003 @ 1:00 p.m. Burial @ Lincoln Cemetery, Wake @ Funeral Home - Sunday, 4-20-03 @ 7:15 p.m. **John E. Beckwith Golden Gate Funeral Home 214-941-7332**

## “Tripp” Dedmon

Donald Gene “Tripp” Dedmon III, 17, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at home. He was a junior at Shelby High School. He loved being a part of the welding class at Shelby High School. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and wrangling cattle. Tripp was a young man everyone could depend on for anything. A young man with a generous spirit and a



big heart, he always found time to help others. He worked the last two summers with his dad at Asphalt Paving of Shelby. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Tripp is survived by his parents, Don Dedmon Jr. and Tisha Ledford Dedmon; brothers, Matthew and Clay Dedmon; paternal grandparents, Don Dedmon Sr., and Delores Dedmon; maternal grandparents, Bill and Peggy Ledford; aunt, Donna Dedmon Cardascio; Cousin, Gracie Johnson, and great-grandmother, Betty S. Dedmon. Visitation: The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home and Crematory. At other times the family will be at the home of Betty S. Dedmon, 254 Buffalo Church Road, Cherryville, NC, 28021 Funeral Mass: 4p.m. Friday at St Mary’s Catholic Church in Shelby Officiated By: The Rev. Michael T. Kottar will be the celebrant Burial: Clevelanor Shelby High School Welding Program, 230 East Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC, 28152d Memorial Park Funeral Home: Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Dedmon. **MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to St Mary’s Catholic Church, 818 McGowan Road, Shelby, NC, 28150 or Shelby High School Welding Program, 230 East Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC 28152**

*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Tripp’s family. I can only imagine the loneliness, emptiness and sadness that surrounds his immediate family and friends. Even though I am not personally acquainted with Donald and family, I know there is a great loss to our family. I wish I could visit all the Dedmons in the world and get to know them better.*

*--Leroy  
“WE ARE FAMILY”*

## Robbie Dedmon

8/28, 1918 -11/11, 2011



Robbie Bernice Dedmon, age 93 of Modesto, passed away on Friday, Nov.

11th. She was born in Waldron, Arkansas to parents Oscar and Pearl (Potter) Cagle. She was a resident of Stanislaus Co. for 74 years and was a homemaker. Robbie is survived by her daughters, Earlene (Kenneth) Hale and Shirley (Edmond) Newman; sisters, Florene Sluder, Betty (Benny) Bates, Faye Harris; brother, Ed (Pearl) Cagle; grandchildren, Gary Hale, Robert Hale, Linda Lamb, Kerry Kious, Kristy Schwartz, 6 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16th from 4 PM to 8 PM, with a graveside service Thursday, Nov. 17th at 10:30 AM, both at Lakewood Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 900 Santa Fe Ave., Hughson, CA. **A guestbook for remembrances and condolences is at**

[www.lakewoodhughson.com](http://www.lakewoodhughson.com). *I have no information as to how Robbie connects to the family, but some of our readers may know and I hope will contact me.*

**Pine Grove Cemetery  
Shasta County, California**

**Dedmon, Gaylen E.**

Apr-23-1924

**Dedmon, Shirley A.**

Oct-22-1927- Apr-1-1982

*Located in the town of McArthur, 60 miles East of Redding on Hwy 299 close to the Lassen Co. line.*

## Mary Sue Dedmon

In loving memory of our mother, **Mary Sue Dedmon**, of Smyrna. Mrs. Dedmon was born Jan 4, 1935 and lost her battle with cancer on August 2, 2012. She is the daughter of the late James Robert and Margaret Clemons Gwaltney Reynolds. Mrs. Dedmon is also preceded in death by her husband Woodrow Wilson Dedmon and two brothers Billy and Dale Reynolds.

Mrs. Dedmon is survived by her 11 children Charles (Jerri) Dedmon, Roger Dedmon, Frances (Ronnie) McDowell, Frankie Dedmon, Jackie Dedmon, Betty (Joal) Evans, Danny Dedmon, Donna (Wallace) Roberson, Becky (Darryl) Goins, Sherrye (Byron) Yarbrough, and Bobby (Dawn) Dedmon; brother Larry Reynolds; sisters Neil Ralph, and Margaret Louise Reynolds; and she was blessed with 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be 2:00 PM Sunday at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna. Bro.. Milton Hicks will officiate. Burial will follow at Union Hill Cemetery in Alexandria.

Visitation will be 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 AM until time of service on Sunday at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna.

**Online condolences can be made at**

[www.woodfinchapel.com](http://www.woodfinchapel.com)  
615-459-3254.

*I am still searching for the link to tie us to the Middle Tennessee Dedmons.-Leroy*

### Esper Dedmon



Forest City- John Esper Dedmon, 86, of Morganton, went home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, due to declining health. Esper was born in Lincoln County to the late Fred and Annie Mae Dedmon and later moved to Rutherford County, where he resided for over 50 years in Harris. He had lived in Morganton the past several years with his wife, Ethel. He was a retired textile worker, carpenter, and Ice Man and was of the Baptist faith. Esper was the last surviving member of his immediate family and was preceded in death by his first wife, Flora Virginia Sanders Dedmon, and their son, Kenneth Donald Dedmon. Survivors from his first marriage include a granddaughter, Virginia Ann "Ginny" Dedmon Clarke and husband, Ray, and a great-grandson, Kenneth Roy Blanton, all of Morganton; and two step-grandchildren, Tammy Bailey and Michael Murray, both of Rutherfordton. He is also survived by his second wife, Ethel Dedmon, and stepdaughter, Dessie Fite, of Morganton; three grandchildren, Tommie Fite and wife, Anna, Andy Fite and wife, Juanita, and Kristen Fite, all of Morganton; several great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, at the Harrelson Funeral Chapel, with Mr. David Byers officiating. Interment will follow in the Harris First Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service time at the funeral home. Harrelson Funeral Home is caring for the Dedmon family. A live webcast of the service and an online guest registry are available at [www.harrelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrelsonfuneralhome.com).

### Opal Dedmon

Opal E. Dedmon was born June 15, 1924, at Arapaho, and died October 7, 2011, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 87. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at the Harvest Hills Baptist Church officiated by the Rev. Jerry Moore. Arrangements are under direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Opal was a homemaker and had also been employed by the Maywood City, Calif. Police Department as a crossing guard for 15 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Harvest Hills Baptist Church and was "devoted to her grandchildren." Opal and Edgar G. Dedmon were married Nov. 19, 1947, at Arapaho, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 2009. Survivors include her children, Larry Dedmon, of New Jersey, Tommy and Diane Dedmon, of California, Terry and Karen Dedmon, of Germany, Christina L. Worsham and Robert Evans, of El Reno, and Natalie Jo Miller, of Duncan; a brother, Charles Woods, of Ardmore; a sister Louella Curry, of Duncan; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Franklin Woods and Leonora C. Schuster Woods; one son, Gary W. Dedmon; two brothers and six sisters. Pallbearers will be Brandon Faulk, Michael Dedmon, Ryker Worsham, Jacob Evans, Gary Don Moore and Tim Underwood.

*(I hate to sound like a broken record, broken record.... but seriously, somebody out there must know some of these folks. There are too many Dedmons unattached to the family tree....)*

### Billie Shook

RINGGOLD, GA - Billie Ann Groover Byrd Hughes Shook, 70,



passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at her home. She was a radiological technologist and radiation therapist

for more than 35 years. Billie opened up the first Northwest Georgia Radiation Therapy Department at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton in 1975. Billie was an active member of Dogwood Baptist Church. She also attended Hickory Grove Baptist Church. Survivors are a daughter, Lora Lynn Shook Carrell, Ringgold; granddaughters, Hannah Alexis Pruitt and Rebekah Lynn Carrell; brothers, Frank Byrd Jr., Rossville, Sammy Byrd, Atlanta; sisters, Cheryl Erwin, Ringgold, Sherry Maddox, Chattanooga, Adrienne Dunn, Ringgold, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Services will be 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Roy Gentry officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hills Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Dogwood Bible Camp, 5296 Dogwood Valley Road, Tunnel Hill, GA 30755. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway. To share words of comfort visit: [www.heritagefh.com](http://www.heritagefh.com).

*(Billie was a neighbor to us and a friend of my parents. My father consulted with her when he was diagnosed with leukemia. As long as her health allowed she visited my mother on a regular basis. There are some family connections to the Shook family from the Dickson relationship.)*