

# THE Volume 81 DEDMON Connection

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LEROY DEDMON

## MY QUIVER IS NOT FULL

Happy birthday to my very sweet great granddaughter, Masie Jane Webb. I remember very well the morning she made her debut into this old world. We were living in Woodstock, GA and Gwen Dedmon Kiley, our daughter and Carrie J. Webb our granddaughter, was living in Buchanan, GA. When the phone rang at about four in the morning, (it was Jane's turn to answer), but I knew from what I heard what was happening. She hung up and said they are leaving for the hospital. I said OK, what should we do? Now you talk about dumb questions!! but I had to ask...The hospital was South Cobb, in the Marietta area...

We arrived at the hospital and I can't even recall who all was there, but the waiting room was full of folk from Bremen and Buchanan. Her arrival sent chills up my spine as I had mentioned to our children a few years before that we had expected more than three grandchildren. They quickly informed me

that I should have had more children if that was the case. For some reason, I had never given thought that my grandchildren would give me more grandchildren. It is difficult for me to comprehend the "little grown up girl" pictured to the right. The last count they had given me four... or is it five... Yes it is five... Carrie 4 and Jonathan 1. Of course he may deliver again or I guess I should say Michelle, his wife... And then I have another grandson, Greg Dedmon, who is not yet married... I looked for a button that said, "I was a good granddaddy, but now I am a "great" granddaddy. I believe my wife, Jane, said Masie was the fifth Jane in her family. Or maybe six, beginning with Masie Jane and going back, we have Carrie Jane, then Gwendoyln Jane and



MASIE JANE WEBB



CASSIDY WEBB

then my wife Berla Jane and her grandmother Sarah Jane. Then it seems she found another Jane prior to her grandmother. Then there was Lyddia Jane Shirley, which would be by wife's great aunt.

I have four other great grandchildren: Cassidy is in her teens and Curt is becoming a deer hunter, Makala will be two on April 26th, 2013 and Brady Mac celebrated his first birthday on Oct 17th, 2012. I could be like the Psalmist who said "Children are like arrows and the man is happy whose quiver is full of them"... My mother and father were living when Masie was born... hmmmammmmmmm great great grandchildren...maybe I should buy a larger quiver. Happy birthday Masie.. I love you...



MAKALA NICHOLE WEBB



BRADY MAC DEDMON



CURT DOUGLAS WEBB

*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!!!!*

### MOTHER'S DAY

How do you celebrate Mother's Day? I often explain it this way: "Dad gets to take the family out to eat to give mom a rest from the kitchen and buy dinner for the family. Don't worry dad next month is your day. We will celebrate Father's day and Dad will get to take the family out to eat to give mom a rest from the kitchen and buy dinner for everyone."

I suppose everyone "celebrates" Mother's Day from different perspectives. Some will wear a red rose and others a white one. I have known some who wear both. A white one in honor of their deceased mother and a red one in honor of their step mother.

After my mother passed away in July of 2008, my celebration of Mother's Day changed . As a family we often gathered on the Saturday before and visited with her. It was sometimes difficult as I was preaching and was not always able to make the trip.



RUBY DICKSON DEDMON  
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We have a rose bush in the back yard and most of the time it would be in full bloom on that day, so I can't help but think of her when the roses bloom. Sometimes, due to very early warm weather they will bloom early, but I still think of her. We call that rose bush "Essie" as one of my mother's cousins gave that to us year's ago. You guessed it, the cousin's name was Essie. I gave my sister a cutting from it and now she has a beautiful plant in her back yard. Even though my mother has been gone several years, I still miss her very much but I am thankful for the memories she left me.

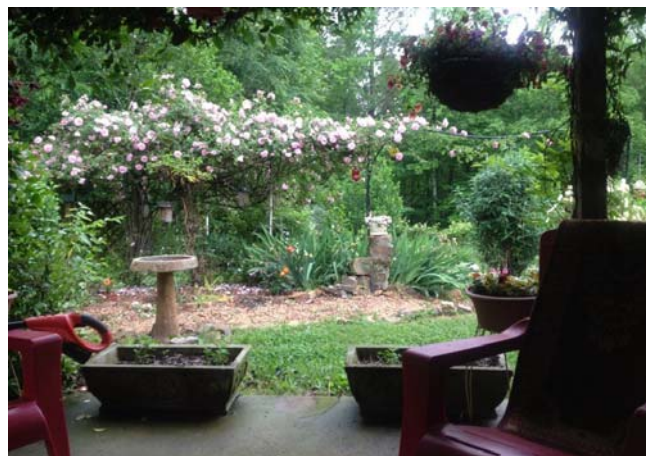
There are still mothers in my life that I love and cherish: Jane, the mother of our children, our daughter, Gwen, the mother of our granddaughter, Carrie her daughter, and mother of four of our

great grandchildren, Cassidy, Masie, Curt and Makala. Diane, my daughter in law, the mother of my grand sons , Greg and Jonathan, and Michele, Jonathan's wife, the mother of one of my great grand sons, Brady Mac. God is good... It is interesting that one of the commandments given to Moses was, "Honor thy father and thy mother". I used to wonder why a commandment to do that had to be given, but through the years I have seen those who mistreated their parents. The greatest honor you can give your mother is to be a faithful New Testament Christian. Someone has suggested that God created mother's to help Him to be omnipresent. A friend posted the definition of mother on facebook recently as "One person who does the work of twenty, for free." The following acrostic was written about a 100 years ago or maybe even longer, but it never gets out of date.

### M - O - T - H - E - R

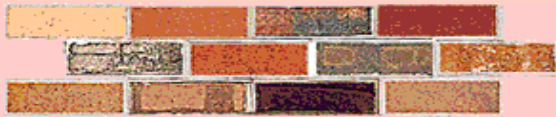
"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
 "O" means only that she's growing old,  
 "T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
 "H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
 "E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
 "R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
 Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
 A word that means the world to me.

If your mother is still in the "Land of the Living", (or I guess I should say the "Land of the Dying") give her a call or if she is nearby go see her... give her a hug. This is her day...



HERE ARE THE ROSES I MENTIONED (ESSIE ROSE). THIS VIEW IS TAKEN FROM OUR CARPORT (DECK) AS WE NEVER PARK THE CAR ON IT. IN FACT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT WITH ALL THE FURNITURE AND OTHER ITEMS SITTING AROUND.

## THE BRICK WALL



*I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the Deadman family branches, please submit.*

***(I received the following email from Gwendolyn Sanders (gwsanders@windstream.net] it reference to Robert Alvin Dedmon & Cordelia Williams Dunn Dedmon. This has long been a mystery in the family and it appears will remain such,)***

Hi Leroy, Tim Dedmon suggested I contact you. I am searching for information on Robert Alvin Dedmon's second wife, Cordelia Williams Dunn Dedmon, who was my great great grandmother.

Cordelia Williams lost her first husband, James Willis Dunn, in 1911 and Robert's wife Ida Cornell died in 1912. Cordelia sent her two remaining children (from whom I am descended) to Alabama to be raised by relatives, and Robert put his children in a Chattanooga orphanage. My grandparents always told me that Cordelia died with James (even though she is not buried with him and their two babies who also died in 1911), so I was a quite surprised by what I found when searching for a death record for Cordelia.

In 1913, the Walker County, GA vital records show a marriage record for Cordie Dunn and Robert A. Dedmon:

HUSBAND: DEDMON Age: Book page: 5-30

FULL NAME: ROBERT A. DEDMON

M-Date: 3-1-1913

WIFE: CORDIE DUNN Her Age:

REC Date: 5-27-1913 W/Maiden: DUNN

I have not been able to find any further record of Cordelia or Robert until Robert's death in 1953. I don't see them in the 1920, 30 or 40 censuses. I'm not sure if they stayed in Georgia, or went elsewhere and Robert returned before his death in 53. Robert survived for 4 decades and is not in any census after 1910, under any of the name derivatives I tried.

Do you know if anyone in your family recalls this marriage or what happened to Cordelia? If you even know what state Robert lived in during those decades it might help me find where she ended up. Thank you for your help! Gwendolyn Sanders

***(My reply)*** Gwendolyn, You are the first person I have ever heard from that would be from Robert's other marriage. Here is what my mother told me about it: He married "Preacher" Cordell's daughter, Ida Lee and she died in 1912 as you said. Then mother said he left for about 18 years and no one ever heard from him and the story was that they thought he married a German woman, but no one ever knew her name. I had never seen that marriage record you listed till now, I don't know how we (other researchers missed it). I also don't know if Cordie was the German woman they talked about or if there was another wife somewhere. Mother said he returned at some point and lived with "preacher" Cordell until he died in 1953. I know personally some of his grandchildren and as far as I know are still living. (1) Harrison Alonzo Dedmond (he added the d) He lives in California. (2) Edward Lavern Dedmon. Lives in Florida, (3) Jeanette Lee Dedmon lives in Alabama, I think her daughter is on my facebook friends list. (4) Robert Raymond Dedmon, he and his wife Marye live in Florida. I probably have some contact information on some of these if your want them. They are the children of Robert's son Eppy Alonzo. Here is what one of the son's gave me: "*E. A. Dedmon was born in Walker County, GA at Mission Ridge. He and his brothers were placed in the Bonnie Oaks Orphanage in Chattanooga, TN. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps (1924-1928). He served in the Nicaraguan Cpnfilct. He was assigned to the Presidential Guard and went with President Calvin Coolidge when he would go on the Presidential Yacht, THE MAYFLOWER. At one point during his Marine experience he raced against Jesse Owens and outran him! That was prior to Jesse Owens' Olympics Gold Medal. He was chosen to be on the Washington Senators Baseball team, but injured his wrist throwing a stone at a rabbit before the season began and was unable to make the season start. That was about the time he met Cecil Lee Griffith (they married in 1929 in Chattanooga). They were married 64 years. He was in the grocery business (Red Food Stores in Chattanooga) and retired from Winn Dixie Stores in Florida. He died in Tampa, Florida at the age of 89. He was an avid coin collector and a member of Land O' Lakes Baptist Church.*" I have not talked with any of them in a while. They were all at our reunion about ten years ago. The last email contact I have with Harrison was

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([had@sierratel.com](mailto:had@sierratel.com)). I would have to search some of my newsletters at <http://dedmon.org> to find the others last used email... I seem to recall there was a death in Lavern's family... I didn't think it was him... may have been his wife... I am enclosing some of the information I have on Robert. I would love to get the descents through Cordie. I wish my mom was still living as she might could shed more light on it. She passed away at 96 in 2008 and was a storehouse of information. She knew Robert personally. Well I don't know if this helps at all or not, but it does give me another piece of the puzzle that has been missing... Please stay in touch and share what you find and I will "re-open" my file and do some more searching... Leroy

*(her reply)* Hi Leroy, Thanks for the reply! Yes, now I wonder where they went. They both sent their existing children to be raised by others and, it seems, ran off together. Cordelia was 40 at in 1913 (b 1873) so I don't know if she would have had any more children with Robert. If they did, then perhaps I have great aunts and uncles and cousins I didn't know about.

Cordelia was born and raised in the North Georgia area into families that had been here for generations, so I doubt there could have been an accent or anything that would lead one to think her German. Dunn is Gaelic in origin. Someone could have misunderstood though, hearsay is like that.

I have searched for her in all the census records from 1920 on, and once I found the marriage record, I looked for Robert too, and found nothing. So perhaps they avoided or were missed by the census takers. I am going to search there some more now that I know they left Georgia. Maybe they left the country, who knows.

If Robert returned 18 years later without her, either they split up or she'd died already. I haven't found her in the Social Security death records, she was probably a born and died a little too early to be included there. And nationwide, cemetery records are in their infancy with so many cemeteries undocumented yet.

At any rate, if you hear from anyone where Robert might have lived during those 18 years, that could give me a clue to finding where she's laid to rest. Thanks again for your help, Gwendolyn.

*(I am confident there are those who have more information on this story. If so, please share, Leroy)*

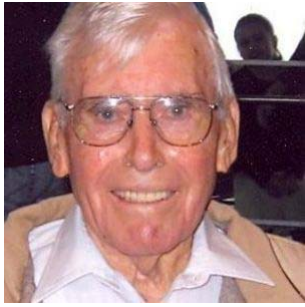
## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

*Please send me obituaries of family members so we can share with other members of the family.*

In this issue, I have devoted most of the space to obituaries. I have found them to be an invaluable source of family information. In fact in this newsletter I was able to find some of the twigs that was missing off the limbs of our family tree. I realize some of them may have been published in previous issues, but as I do not have an index of names used in the newsletters, it is a slow and time consuming project to do so. I started an index once, but decided I was not doing it the best way. I was listing in each issue the names used. But if I wanted to find a name I had to find the issue. So I am going to redo by listing the names and the issues where they are mentioned. At least that is my intention. That would be a good project for someone to volunteer. I have been preaching long enough to know that a volunteer is not going to happen, but I can hint!!!

Meanwhile, back at the brick wall. In the last issue (Vol. 80) I featured the good work Tim Dedmon is doing with the DNA research. It is my understanding that the project he is managing deals with the "Y" chromosome, which is only present in males. So any male Dedmon, Deadman, Dedman, etc, etc, would be of great service to take the test. It is a simple thing to do and not all that expensive. In the case of some of the lines there is a discount provided as we are very much in need of that information. You can check the previous issue of THE DEDMON CONNECTION Volume 80 for all the information.

With the advent of facebook, we have the opportunity to connect with a ton of Dedmon relatives. It also opens up a brand new avenue of family research. At the present I have over 100 Dedmons as friends on facebook and many of them I know nothing about. Is a challenge to say the least. As I have discovered in the past it seems that most Dedmons know very little about their heritage and usually show little interest in it until they, like me, reach the sunset years of life. I often wonder how much information I would have today had I started this project when I was 25 rather than 55. Oh well...



**JAMES PHILLIP DEDMON**

Columbia - James Phillip Dedmon, formerly of Allendale, departed this life on Monday, November 23, 2009. Born and reared in Brownsville, Tenn., he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Afterwards, he moved to Allendale where he resided for 45 years. He was the owner of Dedmon's Exxon Service Center and served as Chief Magistrate for Allendale County for 30 years. For the past 18 years, he served as the Resident Manager of the Columbia Sailing Club. Members of the Columbia Sailing Club will serve as Honorary Pallbearers. He is survived by his wife, Betty Steele Dedmon; daughter, Patricia Dedmon Terry; grandchildren, William Mole Terry IV, Tiel Terry Welzbacher, Trel Dedmon Terry; stepdaughter, Rita Bragg Cullum and her husband, John William Cullum, Sr; step grandchildren, John William Cullum, Jr., Emory Burdette Cullum; four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at Dunbar Funeral Home, Dutch Fork Chapel, with private burial in Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. The family wishes to express their gratitude to all members of the Columbia Sailing Club, Regency Hospice, and especially the caregivers of Ascension Hospice. Memorials may be made to Ascension Hospice, PO Box 1367, Irmo, SC 29063 or the Columbia Sailing Club, PO Box 922, Columbia, SC 29202

**DEATH NOTICES**

**JAMES DEDMON FOWLER**

DENTON - James Dedmon Fowler, 64, of Corinth passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2008, in Odessa. He was born December 4, 1943, in Denton to F.W. "Pin" Fowler and Martha Dedmon Fowler. He graduated from Krum High School and the University of North Texas where he was a member of Sigma NU Fraternity. He married Joy Duncan in Denton in 1965. He and wife Joy started Southwest Credit Systems in 1974 where he was president until June 2000.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors. Burial will be at Jackson Cemetery in Krum. Visitation will be after the service. Pallbearers will be Frank Tyler, Jim McNatt, John Burks, Kent Bass, Don Robinson and Phil Hurley. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his Sigma NU Fraternity bothers.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Duncan Fowler; sons, Brad Fowler and fiancée, Karen Flinn, Rick Fowler and wife, Jennifer; sister, Pam Estes and husband, Bill of Denton; nieces, Valerie Osteler and husband, Brandon, Sheryl Crutchfield and husband, Eric; beloved grandchildren, Clayton James and Victoria Lee Fowler; aunts, Louise Brooks and Margaret Brooks; cousins, Beverly Mowery, Dr. John Brooks, Bill, Cole, Sally Everly, Virginia Wheaton, Barbara Hunt, Bill Black Jr., Cathy Freeman, Donna Ritz and Dale Byrum. He is preceded in death by his mother and father.

**TOYLYNN DEDMON**

Toyllynn Dedmon, 46, passed away April 29, 2012 in Carson City, Nevada. Arrangements are entrusted to Walton's Chapel of the Valley.

**EULA MASSEY DEDMON**

(Aug 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 Mon., 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.

**LISA MAE DEDMON**

Waldron—Graveside services for Lisa Mae Dedmon were held at 2:00 pm Friday, May 7, 2004 at Sehorn Cemetery in Winfield followed by burial under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron. Lisa Mae Dedmon, 40, of Waldron, AR passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2004 in a Little Rock hospital. She was a poultry farmer and a member of the Haw Creek Baptist Church. She is survived by one daughter, Nicole Dedmon of Waldron, AR; her father and step-mother, Bill and JoAnn Dedmon of Waldron, AR; her mother, Peggy Dedmon of Waldron, AR; her grandmother, Dessie Mae Crain of Waldron, AR; and sister, Tracy Dedmon of Waldron, AR.



### **KEITH L. DEDMON (1960-2012)**

Mr. Keith Leroy Dedmon, after 52 years, transitioned from labor to rest on Sunday morning, August 26, 2012 from Muskogee. Better known to family and friends as “Keithy”, Mr. Dedmon was born on March 9, 1960 in Muskogee, the son of Rudolph and Dorothy [Stanford] Dedmon. He was the third of six children born to this union. Keith attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated from the Muskogee High School with the Class of 1978. In 1982, he married the love of his life, Cathy “Liz” Evans. Their love produced two children, Lewis Jaye and Michelle Lynn. Keith was a devoted father and loved his children dearly. He often stated, “family is number one, family is everything and you never let anything come between us.” On July 17, 2012, he was blessed with his very first grandchild, James Israel. Unfortunately, he never got the chance to see him in person.

At an impressionable age, Keith professed his belief in Jesus Christ and served the Lord diligently. He often sought the Lord for wisdom, clarity and knowledge. He was a faithful member at First Assembly of God in Muskogee for nearly 16 years. He had a love for the Lord, the bass guitar and karate, and he kept Kentucky Fried Chicken in business. He loved Dr. Pepper and discovering new restaurants as well as having a fondness for reading. Keithy dreamed riches were right around the corner with his many business adventures. He loved trying to crack jokes and he loved to laugh. Keith was a dedicated worker at C.R. Anthony’s in Muskogee for nearly 20 years until they closed. He worked at Price Mart before they closed and began working for Homeland, where he remained loyal until his demise. He had a strong belief that you weren’t a man if you didn’t work and exemplified that daily by going to work even with his illness. Although he was prohibited from driving, he either walked, rode his bike or used public transportation. He believed in showing up for work.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his devoted son, Lewis J. Dedmon, Muskogee; a loving daughter, Michelle Lynn Dedmon and her son, James Israel Moore, Oklahoma City; two foster sons he helped raise, Antonio James Evans, Austin, Texas and Timothy Lee Thomas, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; a dear friend for life, Cathy Evans Griffin; his siblings, Veronica Myles, Tulsa, Donald and Katie Stanford, Rudolph Dedmon, Jr., and Lisa Dedmon, all of Muskogee, Linda Johnson, Edmond, Oklahoma, and Kathy Walker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and a caravan of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Tenita Dedmon-Betts. The Hour of Remembrance for Keith will be on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. in the Timothy Baptist Church. Pastor Kelly Payne is the gracious host and Pastor Sedell Campbell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Booker T. Washington Cemetery. You may visit Mr. Dedmon as he slumbers in peaceful repose at the Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc., on Friday from 10 AM until 6 PM.



### **Betty Jean Propst (9/ 19/1931 - 10/ 6/2012)**

Betty Jean Dedmon Propst, 81 of Concord, passed away on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the home of her daughter. The family will receive friends at Hartsell Funeral Home in Concord on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 6 until 8 PM.

The funeral service will be held at McGill Baptist Church 5300 Poplar Tent Road Concord on Wednesday, October 10th at 11:30 AM, with Dr. Steve Ayers officiating. Burial will follow at Carolina Memorial Park in Kannapolis.

Betty was born on September 19, 1931 in Lincolnton, to the late Luther and Hattie Mae Baxter Dedmon. Betty suffered through a long illness of 30 years.

Betty is survived by her husband Charles Walter Propst of the home; daughter, Kelly Propst Doherty and husband Matt of Mooresville; sons, Charles Walter Propst, Jr. and wife Gwyn of Concord and Jimmy Dale and wife Lisa of Gastonia; grandchildren, Tucker and Hattie Doherty, Luther and Lara Propst, and Jason and Andy Dale.

Memorials may be made to Catawba Valley Hospice House, 3975 Robinson Road Newton, NC 28658 or North Carolina Stroke Association Piedmont Plaza 2, 2000 West First Street Suite 504 Winston Salem, NC 27104. Hartsell Funeral Home of Concord is serving the Propst family.



**Dorothy M. Dedmon (Dec. 27, 1929 - Aug. 18, 2011)**

Memorial services for Dorothy M. Dedmon, age 81, of Bison, SD will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 2, 2011 at the Grace Baptist Church in Bison. Pastor Phil Hahn and Pastor Lloyd Veal will officiate. Special music will be provided by Gloria Veal, pianist. All of Dorothy's grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren are considered Honorary Bearers. Dorothy Maude Bruning was born on December 27, 1929 in the home of her Grandmother Bruning to Nina Belle Etta (Conklin) and

Leo George Bruning in Sioux Falls, SD. Dorothy attended school in Armour, SD until 1939 when her parents moved the family to Deadwood, SD. Her family again moved in May 1942 to Provo, SD. In Provo, her father helped build the Black Hills Ordinance Depot and Nina and Dorothy worked in the only café in Provo. Dorothy enjoyed waiting tables and was a wonderful waitress. In the later part of 1942, the family moved into housing in Igloo, SD; part of the Black Hills Ordinance Depot. Dorothy attended high school in Igloo. Dorothy's grades in high school were good enough that she was allowed to work where the ammunition was stored. It was a job that she enjoyed very much.

Dorothy married Luther Lonzo Mace in 1945. From their union, three children were born: Nina Dorothy "Patti", Carole Ann "Cammie" and Luther David "Luke". The family traveled extensively, due to Luther's Army career. Dorothy and her three children moved from Mississippi to Oregon, then to Tootle, UT with Dorothy's mother, then to Las Vegas, NV. There, Dorothy met the one true love of her life, Billy Key Dedmon. On September 27, 1963, Billy and Dorothy were united in marriage. They lived in Henderson, NV for 23 years. During that time, Dorothy received her realtor's license and became an outstanding and successful realtor. Billy and Dorothy enjoyed buying houses and fixing them up so that they could rent them out. Dorothy was also the President of the Emblem Club (the woman's auxiliary of the Elks Club) from 1982 to 1984. Billy and Dorothy enjoyed entertaining friends and family in their home and enjoyed travelling, which they did often. Following Billy's death, Dorothy and her granddaughter, Dorothy Key moved to Buffalo, SD. While there she was on the Sunday School Board and was also a driver for the EMT's. Five years later they moved to Belle Fourche, SD where Dorothy worked in the Assessor's Office and helped the local museum get up and running. Dorothy also enjoyed having lunch with a group of local ladies known as "The Lunch Bunch".

In 2005, Dorothy moved to Bison, SD where she helped with the family owned flower shop. She always had coffee on and something to eat for whoever stopped by. If you left her house hungry, it wasn't because she didn't try to feed you. She loved to sit around her kitchen table with her family and friends telling stories and jokes. Dorothy loved music, playing the organ, dancing and taking care of her great-grandchildren. In her younger years, she played basketball and loved snow sports especially skiing and ice skating. Dorothy passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at the Western Horizon's Care Center in Hettinger, ND. Blessed to have shared her life are her daughter, Carol "Cammie" Ann (Glen) Worthen, Bison, SD; son-in-law, Bill Smith, Lucedale, MS; daughter-in-law, Pam Mace, Wright, WY; brother, Leo (Esther) Bruning, in CA; sister, Virginia Tuning, Black Hawk, SD; 8 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Nina Bruning; husband, Billy Dedmon; brother, Johnny Yoakum; son, Luther Mace; daughter, Nina Smith; and grandson, Chris Mace.

**September 15, 2012**

**Bertie B. Dedmon  
Pauls Valley Democrat**

Pauls Valley, Oklahoma Bertie B. Dedmon, 91, of Lubbock, Texas was born Feb. 17, 1921 in Union, MS, to Albert W. and Emma (Belk) Luby, the youngest of seven children. She passed away Sept. 13, 2012.

She moved to Stratford from Springfield, Mo., in 1969, where she was a member of the First United Methodist Church, serving in the choir and UMW. While in Stratford, she thoroughly enjoyed the Stratford Senior Center and talked often about it. She moved to Lubbock, Texas in 2005 to be close to family.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sat. Sept. 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford, officiated by Rev. Charles Baumann. Burial will be in McGee Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Pickard Funeral Home in Stratford.

**Dedmon, Billie Allen, 68**

Feb. 22, 1944 - May 15, 2012 Bill Dedmon was born in Madeira, Calif., to Arthur Lee and Berniece Dedmon. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Verna Dedmon; children, Shane Dedmon and Mindi Niemetz; 10 grandchildren; and brothers, Ted, Larry and Gerald Dedmon. There will be a memorial service Saturday, May 26, at 1 p.m., at Greater Portland Baptist Church, 17800 SE Main Street, Portland, OR 97233.

### RAY CHARLES DEDMON

Ray Charles Dedmon was born to Callie V. Harris-Dedmon and Edward Hatten in Tom, OK on November 23, 1954. He passed away on Wed, January 9, 2013 at St. Michaels Hospital in Texarkana, TX.



Ray joined the New Dora Baptist Church at an early age where he sang with the choir. In his early years, Ray loved playing basketball and baseball. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing as well. He graduated from Haworth High School in 1975. He was employed at Red River Army Depot for 35 years. While at Red River, Ray received a number of awards for outstanding service.

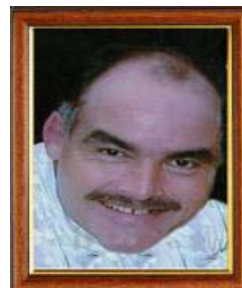
Ray is preceded in death by: his mother, Callie Dedmon-Runnels; father, Edward Hatten; and one son Kenya Bond. Cherishing his memory is his surviving family: four daughters, LaTasha Sanford and husband Marco of Rockmart, Georgia, Shameshia Hunt and husband Derick of Idabel, Oklahoma, Lanisha Giddens and Nicholas of Texarkana, Texas, and LaKala Giddens of DeKalb, Texas; one brother, Darnell Dedmon and wife Vernell of Forman, Arkansas; ten sisters, Betty Dedmon-Pruitt, Faye Brown and husband Richard, Jerrie Dedmon, all of the Dallas area, Eddie Williams and husband Michael of Hampton, Virginia, Carlois Dedmon of Ada, Oklahoma, Barbara Dunn and husband Billy of Ashdown, Arkansas, Lorrie Davis and husband Jay of Tom, Oklahoma, Kesha Pulliam and husband Curtis of Irving, Texas, Terry Ross of Irving, Texas, and Nealy Woodward of Kansas City, Missouri; eight grandchildren, Tahjane' Harris, Da'Maya and Derica Hunt, Marco and Markayla Sanford, Nicholas Pace, Jr., and La'Tavius and La'Tamaria Easter; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Ray also leaves friends that were dear to his and the family's heart, Charles Lewis, Albert Bailey, and Derrick Patterson, along with a special friend Sherrie Ann Brown.

Funeral services are set for 12 noon Saturday January 19, 2013 at the Haworth School Auditorium in Haworth Oklahoma with Elder James Ezell officiating. Interment will follow at St. Luke Cemetery Tom, Oklahoma. Family will receive friends Friday January 18, 2013 from six to eight at the funeral home.

*I have corresponded with several African-American Dedmons and some think the surname was taken from slave owners. We know that was done in other families. Of course there are other theories as well.*

### DEDMON, DANNY RAY

**Dedmon, Danny Ray**, age 52, of Lebanon, TN, died Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Danny was the son of the late, Woodrow Wilson and Mary Sue Reynolds Dedmon. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Lynn Dedmon.



He is survived by: Brothers - Charles (Jerrie) Dedmon, Roger Dedmon, Frankie Dedmon and Bobby (Dawn) Dedmon Sisters - Frances (Ronnie) McDowell, Jackie Dedmon, Betty (Joel) Evans, Donna (Wallace) Roberson, Becky (Darryl) Goins and Sherrye (Byron) Yarbrough.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Union Hill Cemetery, Brush Creek, TN. Pallbearers will be Robert Barrett, Jackie Barrett, Barry Barrett, Timmy Smith, Randy Johnson and James Woodall. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Caris Hospice.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and 12-2 p.m. Saturday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.

*There are several Dedmon's living in the Middle Tennessee area. I am not sure how they connect to the tree. I received correspondence several years ago, who thought they descended from Jonathan and Susan Hunt Dedmon. Several families in that area spell the surname D-E-A-D-M-A-N and a few D-E-D-M-A-N. I had an uncle whose name was Woodrow Wilson Dedmon, but not Danny's father.*

### BETTY J. DEDMON

ABILENE- Betty J. Dedmon, 74, Abilene, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by a son, J. Charles Dedmon. Survivors include a son, Daniel W. of Highlandville, Mo.; a daughter, Kathleen Herndon Burkhardt of Grapevine, Texas; a sister, Ann Tapp of Abilene; a stepbrother, Les Morley of Bartlett, Tenn; a stepsister, Betty Spellman of Clay Center; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A memorial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home, 414 N.W. Third, Abilene 67410. Interment will be in Abilene Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Dickinson County or Abilene Senior Center, in care of the funeral home. The family will receive friends at 1 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service at the funeral home