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LEROY DEDMON

LOSE SOME, GAIN SOME

The longer I continue to work with our family genealogy, the more I am aware of the above fact. In this issue we have several additions, but also some losses. It appears the statement, "We are born to die" is true. The Patriach Job had it right when he said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) In his list of things for which there is a time in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, The wise man included, "A time to be born, and a time to die..."

I am not trying to be morbid, but it is a proven fact that we will not remain on this planet forever as the "grim reaper" will visit us all. As always I have included several obituaries and death notices in this newsletter and while some are recent others are from the past. I have discovered much can be obtained in genealogy by this manner. My deepest sympathy goes to each and every family who have mourned their losses. I also have included some birth announcements and join with you in your joy. We do indeed "Weep with those that weep and rejoice with those who rejoice" Please send me your birth, wedding and death announcements as we want to share the information with the rest of the family. Family is important to me as I trust it is with you...

For those who have inquired of my health status, I am very grateful to you. I do seem to be better and gaining back my strength. I was able to resume preaching opportunities around the middle of March (2014). Thus far, I have preached at Bremen, GA; Cookeville, TN; Cowan, TN; Waleska, GA; Trennton, GA; and Lafayette, GA. I am teaching a Sunday School class here at Buchanan, whenever I am not traveling. I have several appointments scheduled that span the next six months. I also recorded eight segments of my TV program, "Leaving a Legacy", which is seen on the GOOD NEWS TODAY program with Jim Dearman. The program is aired on several local stations which include: Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, and Knoxville (all of these are in Tennessee), also, Huntsville, Alabama and Little Rock, Arkansas. It is also on the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK which is on several cable systems as well as Roku and smart phones. Just download the App and you have it. Of course the program is also on the internet at GBNTV.ORG and GNTTV.ORG. You may also find where the program may be seen when visiting the internet sites.

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(Please submit information on yourself or family members to be shared with the family in future newsletters.) -Leroy

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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!!!!



When my grandmother, Alice Walker, passed away, her sister, Toni Walker, took my father to her home and there he was reared. Toni was married to Charles Cline. Dad told me he thought his last name was Cline until he reached his teen years and discovered his father. The story is told that he was walking from Ringgold to Houston Valley, when a couple picked him up in a wagon. As it turned out this couple was Olan and Pearl Templeton Dickson Vess. She was my grandmother and had married Olan Vess after my mother's father passed away in 1918, the same year dad's mother passed away. In fact they died within a week of each other. When dad told them who he was, they said you are actually Gordon Dedmon and we live near your father and took him to his house. He later met Ruby Dickson, the daughter of Pearl and was married on July 4, 1938. I was born on June 27, 1939, the first of five children. As a boy, I used to say, "I was born in June and mom and dad married in July". Mom told me I ought not say it that way as it did not sound very good. I didn't understand at the time, but someone later explained it to me.

Growing up, we visited often with Bonnie and Ed Cline. Ed was one of the five children of Charles and Toni. Playing badminton with them is the activity I remember most. This is probably where dad learned to play so well as he was the champion in the family for a long time. I would sound like I was bragging if I told who finally beat him, so I won't mention any names.

Ed and Bonnie are buried in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga. Ed served in the U.S. Navy and passed away in 1995 and Bonnie in 2003. I could not locate Ed's obituary, but found Bonnie's. I never knew any of the other children of Charles and Toni.

BONNIE MAE NIX CLINE

Bonnie Mae Nix Cline, 90, of Harrison, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, in a local health care center. She was a longtime resident of Harrison and was a member of the New Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Cline was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Roy Cline. Services will be held Wednesday at noon in the chapel with Rev. James Hutchins officiating. Burial will be in the National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to www.heritagefh.com. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service at Heritage Funeral Home, East Brainerd Road.

The Mail Bag



I published the obituary of Charles Deadmon on page 6 of this newsletter. He was the husband of Marianne Dial Deadmon. When I discovered his grave on findagrave.com, I sent her the following email: *Marianne, It has been a long time since i have corresponded with you and am not sure this is the correct email address. If it is incorrect of course I will probably know it and will leave a public message on findagrave.com. I appreciate all the work you do and have done on this project. I don't know if you follow the website at dedmon.org with the newsletter or not, but much has happened to me in the past few years and I am so sorry I missed seeing that Charles had passed away. My deepest sympathy is extended. I would like your permission to use his obituary and picture in the next issue of the newsletter, "The Dedmon Connection"....*

Thanks so much, Leroy

Her Reply:

Nice to hear from you, Leroy. Of course since we have been out of touch for so long, I do not know what has been happening to you either. I checked your website and read quite a bit, but stopped short of reading all the past Newsletters. Will save that for another time.

Would definitely appreciate your using the obituary and picture for Charles in your newsletter. He had Parkinson's for 23 years, but led a pretty active life, with no pain. In 2007 he moved to a nursing home in Silsbee and really loved it. He was such a people person that he had many to be with there, where at home I was the only one. He was only bedfast about a week before his death. I have continued to live here though I would have gladly left many years ago. Now it is easier to stay. Our daughter Cynthia lives in Houston (about 2 hours away) so until something drastically changes I will stay here.

I will attach the full obituary, as what is on Find A Grave is just taken from the obit. I am sorry that I cannot just do an attachment, but will put the full obituary at the bottom of this message. I am not suggesting that you use the long obituary, just what you want to use. The rest is just for your personal information. The minister at the graveside was Cecil Deadman, who is a son of Paul Deadman, a brother to Charles' father.

Note all the different spellings in just our family and there is one more. So apparently all different spellings are somehow related! Thanks for your contact.

Marianne Deadmon

Family Gathering - 2013



FAMILY GATHERING 2013 (L-R) (1ST ROW KNEELING) JONATHAN DEDMON, JUSTIN SMITH, BRIAN DEDMON. (2ND ROW SITTING) GARY DEDMON, BRADY MAC DEDMON, CAROLYN PRICE, BILL DEDMON, BRIANA DEDMON, CINDY DEDMON (3RD ROW STANDING) DIANE DEDMON, CONNIE DEDMON, KAITLYN KISTLER, RUTH SMITH, HANA DEDMON, MORGAN DEDMON, NICHOLE SMITH, (4TH ROW) KENNETH PRICE, AMY CRAFT, JESSICA COCHRAN, TANYA SMITH, STEVE SMITH, CLAUDE PRICE.

Every year, since the passing of our mother, my siblings and their families meet on the second Saturday of September for a “Family Gathering”. This is actually a plan proposed by my sister, Ruth and it has been at her house several times, including the last one. I was unable to attend as that was during the time of my spells of vertigo and unable to travel. I appreciate my neice, Cindy, for sending me pictures of the event. Some of my family was there as you can see from the picture above. My son, Gary and his wife, Diane along with their son and grandson, Jonathan and Brady Mac. Here are some of the family group pictures:



#1 (L-R) Bill & Connie Dedmon, Carolyn Price, Ruth Smith, Claude Price
 #2 (L-R) (front) Connie, Briana, & Bill Dedmon (back) Brian & Morgan Dedmon, Jessica Cochran, Cindy & Hana Dedmon
 #3 (L-R) Gary, Brady, Diane & Jonathan Dedmon (standing)
 #4 (L-R) Kenneth, Carolyn, Claude Price
 #5 (L-R) (front) Ruth & Nichole Smith, Katlin Kristler, (back) Steve & Tanya Smith, Amy Craft, Justin Smith
 #6 (L-R) Justin, Steve, Nichole & Tanya Smith
 #7 (L-R) Briana, Cindy, Morgan, Hana and Brian Dedmon (standing)

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY.....

...our newest additions...

ADDISON BRIELLE PERRY!



ADDISON BRIELLE PERRY: BORN DEC. 18, 2013, 7 LBS AND 19 INCHES. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF BRYANT AND OKSANA PRESNELL PERRY. GRANDPARENTS: CHRIS AND TERA BROOME PRESSNELL, GREAT GRANDPARENTS: TERRY AND KATHY BROOME, GG GRANDPARENT: TOMMY BROOME

GABRIEL FLYNN HOLDER



GABRIEL FLYNN HOLDER: BORN MARCH 12 AT 8:06 A.M. WEIGHT 7LB 4OZ. PARENTS: CARRIE AND MARK HOLDER. GRANDPARENTS: RONALD AND TANIS BOYD WAGNON. GREAT GREATMOTHER: RUTH DEDMON BOYD. RUTH IS MY AUNT.



Emma Faye Broome: BORN Nov. 10, 2013, 7 LBS AND 19 INCHES. PARENTS: HANNAH FAYE AND DEREK BROOME. GRANDPARENTS: Marty and Beverly BROOME, GREAT GRANDPARENT: TOMMY BROOME



LOGAN THOMAS BROOME: BORN FEB.22,2014. PARENTS: ASHLEY CALL AND JEREMY THOMAS BROOME, GRANDPARENTS: HILLARY AND DEBORAH BROOME, GREAT GRANDPARENT: TOMMY BROOME

ROBERT LYNN COOK



R. Lynn Cook passed away on March 21, 2014 in Colorado Springs, CO. Born in Rockwood, TN on January 28, 1947, Lynn attended Crossville High School and graduated from MTSU in Murfreesboro, TN.

Lynn had a long and varied career in Health Care Administration starting in 1974 with the Department of Health for the state of Tennessee. He worked as a physician recruiter, hospital developer, and a group practice manager throughout his career. Lynn's life and career took him from Tennessee to Kentucky, Texas and finally Colorado where he retired in 2009.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Liz Cook of Colorado Springs, his daughter, Jordan Cook and grandchildren, Finn and Hayden Campbell of London, England. He is also survived by his siblings; JC Cook and Donna Yates of Crossville, TN and Ann McCullough of Mt. Juliet, TN.

Services were conducted Saturday, March 29th at Bond Memorial Chapel, 1098 Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. Visitation from noon until 2pm followed by a memorial service at 2pm.

A Celebration of Lynn's life and a Memorial Hike was held at the Garden of the Gods Park (High Point parking lot) in Colorado Springs on April 18th at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations for reclamation of Lynn's favorite hiking trail, Waldo Canyon. To make a donation, call 719-389-1251 and indicate your donation in memory of Lynn Cook.

Lynn's wife is the daughter of Roy Lane Dedmon. He and I share William D. Dedmon as our great grandfather. THE DEDMON CONNECTION, Volumn 77, featured Roy and his service in the Army. Although I have never met any of these cousins, I have drawn close to them through the years by our correspondence. Actually, I believe my father met Roy's son, Guy, in Huntsville, AL back in the 60s, while working at Redstone Arsenal and Guy was in the Army. I was living in Manchester, TN when Roy's family lived in Murfrersboro, TN. No doubt our paths have crossed. I sent Liz the following note on Facebook upon hearing of Lynn's passing:

"Liz, I don't know if you will get this message or not anytime soon as I know you are traveling and have other things on your mind. Although I have not personally met any of your family, I consider you among my close kin. I am so sorry about Lynn and extend to you my love and sympathy. I wish I could be in Nashville this week-end, but my circumstances will not allow me to do so. I was near there last weekend at McMinnville, TN. It is so ironic that we lived 30 miles away when you were in Murfreesboro.... Maybe some day we will meet...." Leroy

A great tribute was written by his brother-in-law, John Miller, who is married to Liz's sister, Susan:

"My brother-in-law, Lynn Cook, passed away yesterday in Colorado Springs. Lynn was one of the best men I have ever known in every way possible. I always thought Jesus would have been jealous of him. We who knew him will miss him for as long as we can miss anyone. He made the world a better place just by being here." -John Ramsey Miller

From what I have learned of Liz and Lynn, they loved to travel and I always enjoyed reading of the activities Liz posted on her sister, Judy's website the "Good News Girlz". This website is no longer active, but maybe they will revive it.

Liz is a retired IT professional; enjoying her leisure by traveling and teaching yoga classes. She enjoys the Colorado outdoors by hiking, biking, a little skiing and volunteering at Garden of the Gods Park.

Lynn has embarked on the journey we all must make some day as the Patraiach Job stated in Job 16:22 "For when a few years are finished, I shall go the way of no return." His friends and family bid him farewell, knowing we will all gather before the righteous judge, when time is no more.



LIZ AND LYNN COOK



CHARLES E. DEADMON

Charles Edwin Deadmon, 80, was born in Reed OK, and died April 22, 2009, in Silsbee, TX. Graveside services will be held April 27, 2009 in Eldorado, OK, with Cecil Deadman (first cousin to Charles) officiating. A memorial service will be held in Silsbee at a later date.

His parents were James W “Jim” and Lizzie Burden Deadmon, who preceded him in death. During his school years he lived with his family in the community of Victory, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school in Victory. During his summers he spent months with custom combine crews cutting wheat in the area of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

He enlisted in the U S Army in 1946. He was a Veteran of World War II and served in Korea Occupation Army for over a year. Upon his return in 1948 he became a student at Central University in Edmond, Oklahoma. In 1950 he and Marianne Dial were married in Eldorado, Oklahoma.

The year before their marriage he became employed with a seismograph crew, that became his occupation for many years. This work took him to many states and enabled him and his family to have the opportunity to see much of the Western States. This provided them the chance to meet many new friends, understand the culture of the areas, and travel to sites of interest.

In 1961 he began working for the Federal Government working at that time at the Nevada Test Site where the Atomic bombs were tested. His next work involved monitoring of earthquakes. This expanded the areas where he worked which included Puerto Rico, Alaska, and the East Coast. He spent 20 years with the U S Government Service and retired in 1981. He returned to the seismograph business and remained there until 1989. From 1990 until 1998 he worked as a security guard in the S E Texas area. After that retirement he spent his extra time volunteering in the office at the First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Silsbee.

He is survived by his wife, Marianne Deadmon of Silsbee; daughter and husband, Cynthia and Roy King; grandchildren, Shari King, Toby King and wife Meredith, with their children Riley, Tommy, and Mackenzie all living in Houston. He is survived by one uncle, Buford Deadman, of New Jersey and an aunt, Doris Hinson of Bedford, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Toby King, Roy King, Jack Hinson, Doug Davis, Elden Miner and Henry Goodin.. The honorary pallbearers will be Harvey Thomason and Jimmie Stout, Leon Dollins, Delmar Martin, and other cousins and friends from his association with Victory.

His hobbies included working, photography and collections. He loved music of any kind, from Classical on down. His photography hobby took him to all counties in Texas where he photographed the Court Houses. He was a kind, faithful individual who loved his family, church, and friends. If remembrances are chosen they may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado or the Victory Cemetery Fund.

Among those whom I was privileged to meet (via email) very early in my family research project was Marianne (Dial) Deadmon. Due to the events taking place in my life the past few years I was not aware of the death of Charles. I discovered it while researching findagrave.com. Charles family is closely connected to the Deadman family in Middle Tennessee that I met when I moved to Manchester, (Coffee County) TN in 1964. I have mentioned more that once my association with Fred and Frank Deadman, the owners of Deadman Funeral Home in Manchester. Leaving Manchester in 1968, I moved to Morrison (Warren County), TN. where there is a strong connection between the Turners and Deadmans. In 1971 I preformed the wedding ceremony of Marion Turner and Connie Prater. Among the children born to that union was Jeniffer Turner, who married Chad Turner. To our knowledge there is no kinship between those two Turner families. Chad, however is part of the Deadman/Turner families. His great aunt, (Kate Pearl Turner) was married to Johnnie Hugh Dedmon, the son of William Oscar Deadmon. As Marianne reminded me in a recent exchange of email, the spelling of our surname (Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmon, Dedman, etc.) varies among our families.

BOBBIE VANHOOSER DEADMAN

DEADMAN, Bobbie VanHooser, age 92 of Manchester, Tennessee, passed away on October 21, 2010 at the Manchester Health Care Center. Mrs. Deadman was born on December 12, 1917 in Gainesboro, Tennessee to her parents, the late Zeb and Alta VanHooser. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank Deadman; brothers, Buford VanHooser, Malcolm VanHooser and Berferd VanHooser and nephew, Fred Tommy Deadman, Jr.

Mrs. Deadman's husband, Frank , was one of the original funeral business partners in Jackson, Deadman and Stroud which opened in March 1932. Frank and Fred Deadman later purchased the funeral business in January of 1946 which was known as the Manchester Funeral Home. Mr. Deadman served over 50 years in the funeral service business and the Manchester Funeral Home was often referred to as the "Deadman's" Funeral Home. Mrs. Deadman also owned and operated the Modernistic Hair Styling Salon for over 40 years and also assisted her husband in the funeral business. She was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Willie VanHooser of Gallatin, TN; niece, Tommie Louise VanHooser Kershaw and her husband James of Hendersonville, TN; nephew, Bill VanHooser (Leslie) of Baltimore, Maryland; great niece, Crytal Michelle Cox of Madison, TN; niece-in-law, Brenda Deadman of Manchester, TN; great-nephews, Thomas Deadman, III of Panama City, Florida and Jeff Deadman of Memphis, TN; great-great-nephew, Dustin Deadman; great-great-niece, Ashley Deadman; her Church family at Main Street Church of Christ and a host of friends. Visitation with the family was on Sunday evening, October 24, 2010 from 5 - 9:00 p.m. The Funeral Service was conducted on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Central Funeral Home with Brother Charles Brown officiating. Burial was at the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. CENTRAL FUNERAL HOME of Manchester, TN in Charge of Arrangements.

When I moved to Manchester, TN in 1964, almost immediately, I met the Deadman family. As a young preacher of 24 yeas of age, Frank and Fred were of great encouragment to me. I had not preached very many funerals prior, and I suppose it showed, but I am grateful to them for their help.

PATRICIA FRANCES REISEN

Patricia Frances Reisen, 66, of Hampton Township, NJ, died June 10, 2013, at Morristown Medical Center. Born in Passaic, Patricia was raised in Clifton, moved to Sparta in 1973, then to Hampton Township in 1986. She had her Masters in Education and was a Special Education teacher for the Montague Board of Education before retiring in 2011. A member of Hampton Bible Study (book club), Patricia enjoyed golf, travel and her summer home in Sandy Creek, New York.

She was the daughter of the late Buford R. and Mary (nee Andreotta) Deadman. Patricia is survived by her husband of 39 years, Frederick; three children, Paul Reisen of Alexandria, Virginia, Rebecca Reisen of San Diego, California, and Jonathan Reisen of Brooklyn, New York; and her sister, Carol Leatherman of Greenville, North Carolina.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Andrew's R.C. Church, 400 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Clifton. Visitation will be held Friday from to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High Street, Newton.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 425 West Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ 07801.

BUFORD R. "BOB" DEADMAN

Buford R. Deadman, 101, of Newton, NJ, died Monday, June 10, 2013. Born in Mc Minnville, TN, he resided in Clifton before moving to Newton in 1986. Buford was employed as a quality control officer for Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. in Nutley prior to his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the Roche Retirees. Buford is a parishioner of St. Andrew RC Church in Clifton. He is a WWII US Army Veteran having served in the European Theater of North Africa and Italy. Buford was a member of both the American Legion and VFW in Clifton. Buford is predeceased by his wife, the former Mary Andreotta, by a daughter, Patricia Reisen, by seven brothers and a sister. He is survived by a daughter, Carol Leatherman and husband, Will of Greenville, NC, by five grandchildren, Paul Reisen of Arlington, VA, Rebecca Reisen of San Diego, CA, Jonathan Reisen of Brooklyn, NY, Mary Mc Lamb of Atlanta, GA and William Shea Leatherman of Memphis, TN and by a son in law, Frederick Reisen of Newton. Funeral services will be held 11AM Saturday at Allwood Funeral Home, 660 Allwood Road, Clifton, NJ 07012. Visiting hours are Saturday morning 10-11AM. In lieu of flowers please contribute to Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, NJ 07860. www.allwoodfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICES

For an index of all obituaries in the past issues of the Dedmon Connection go to the newsletter menu and click on the obituary index button. If you discover missing persons or mistakes please let me know. Also, if you send me an obituary of a family member, I will be glad to publish it.

BETTY CRANE

Mrs. Betty Crane, 84, of Ringgold and formerly of Dalton passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Parkside Nursing Home in Ft. Oglethorpe. She was preceded in death by her husband James Lewis Crane Sr. in 1985. Betty is survived by her daughters, Carol Frye Grondin of Ringgold and Glenda Durham of Summerville, GA; son and daughter-in-law, James Lewis Crane Jr. and Tammi of Rome, GA; grandchildren, Ronnie and Kay Frye of Nashville, TN, Chris Frye and Nichole Kutil of Rossville, Mary Beth Durham of Summerville and Amy and Vincent Mendes of Rome; 4 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bobby Crowe of Ringgold, Houston Crowe of Winder, GA and Donald Crowe of Perry, GA; nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 P.M. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Chuck Harris officiating. Burial will follow in West Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home on Friday from 11 to 1 P.M. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomega.com. Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave, Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements.

I grew up less than 1/2 mile from the Crane family. I did not know Billy as well as his brothers Donald and Edwin, who were closer to my age. We went to school and church and played together. We did not know we were related in those days. We should have realized there was a possibility as their mother's aunt, Ruth Dedmon, lived with them. I guess neither of us knew enough about our families to make the connection. Ruth Dedmon was the daughter of Thomas and Janie Dedmon. It was at their house where I first met their cousin (and mine) Tommy Broome, who was living there and working in Rossville, GA. Several years later we discovered our kinship. I was privileged to stay in their home while preaching a Gospel Meeting in Hull, GA, where Tommy was then preaching. His wife's obituary in in the next column. His son, Spencer and daughter, Yvonne were members at Bremen, GA when I was the preacher there. -Leroy

BETTY DUENE BROOME



Mrs. Betty Duene Broome, age 84, of Lyerly, GA passed away Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at the Summit Health and Rehabilitation Center in Rome, GA. Mrs. Broome was born in Berryton, Georgia on July 13, 1928, the youngest and last surviving child of Joe Roy Smith and Evie Abernathy Smith. She was a devoted Minister's wife, mother and faithful Christian.

Mrs. Broome actively worked in the Missions field in Canton, GA, and Madison County, GA from 1967- 2000. She was active in door knocking and Bible teaching with her husband in these and many other Mission Outreach Programs. She also had worked in Canton, GA as a head cashier at the Colonial Store, and Reigel Textile Mill in Trion.

Mrs. Broome is survived by her husband, Thomas Spencer Broome; sons and daughters-in-law, Terry Lamar and Kathy Broome of Scottsboro, AL, Marty F. and Beverly Broome of Dasher, GA, Spencer M. and Renee Broome of Valdosta, GA and Hillary and Deborah Broome of Murfreesboro, TN; daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Barry Allen of Carrollton, GA; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Broome will be Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the Pennville Church of Christ with Minister Robby Eversole officiating. Interment will follow in the Green Hills Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be David Broome, Michael Broome, Derek Broome, Kevin Broome, Jeremy Broome and Chris Pressnell.

Mrs. Broome will be in state at the Mason Funeral Home and the family will receive friends Friday evening from 6 until 8 PM. On Saturday, Mrs. Broome will also be in state at the Pennville Church of Christ from 10 AM until the funeral hour.

I have known the Broome family much longer than I have known they were kin. Thomas was the grandson of Caroline Caldonia "Callie" Dedmon, the daughter of Thomas W. and Mary Jane (Janie) Dedmon. All four of their sons are preachers and their daughter is active in church work. Those who knew this family know how dedicated Tom and Duene were to each other