

# The Dedmon Connection <sup>Vol. 85</sup>

AN ONLINE NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO THE DEDMON FAMILY WHICH INCLUDES:  
**DEADMAN, DEADMON, DEADMOND, DEDMAN, DEDMOND, DEDMONDT**

## ARE WE HAVING FUN YET??



**LEROY DEDMON**

It is difficult to realize how swiftly the pages of time do turn. In just a few weeks, if I am alive, I will celebrate my 75th birthday. In some ways this seems to be a long time but on the other hand it is as described by James in the bible, "just a vapor". The earliest I remember is something that happened when I was four years old according to my mother. I also remember a couple of things just before turning six, but for the most part my memory begins with starting to school. It is a fact that "time does not stand still" and "waits for no man". Each year seems to go faster than the one before. I can't believe this is the 85th newsletter I have published for the family and I can only hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoy doing them. The first one was March, 1998 and consisted of two pages and I thought it was a "masterpeice". The ones to follow were from 4-6 pages and it was probably around volume 20 that became 8 pages and remained except for a few "special issues".

## MAKALA CELEBRATES NUMBER 3



*"I AM THIS MANY NOW"*

It's hard to believe my great granddaughter, Makala Nicole Webb is now three years old. She was born on April 26, 2011, do the math. They do grow up in a hurry. I remember very well when my daughter Gwen, my granddaughter Carrie and another great granddaughter, Masie were three years old. Masie became a teenager earlier this year as she became 13 on March 15 and Carrie's birthday was May 16th. We were out of town and missed Masie's birthday, but we were able to attend Makala's 3 year party. Pictured to the right are all four girls around the same age.



**ABOUT THE SAME AGE**  
 UPPER LEFT- GWEN, UPPER  
 RIGHT-CARRIE, LOWER LEFT-  
 MASIE, LOWER RIGHT- MAKALA

## BRADLEY DEDMON TURNS 3, PARENTS CELEBRATE TENTH



**BRADLEY**

My nephew, Craig Dedmon and his wife, Brittany Walker Dedmon, recently celebrated their 10th anniversary on April 24th. Their son Bradley turned 3 on March 4th. Craig is the son of Connie Buff and Joseph William "Bill" Dedmon. Bill is my youngest brother. He preaches in Bowdon, GA and serves as an elder.



**BRADLEY, CRAIG &  
 BRITTANY DEDMON**

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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!!!!

### BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDINGS

It always brings back memories when I am told that one of my kinsfolk is having a birthday. Being the oldest of my siblings, I remember when most of their offspring was born. I even remember March 1, 1947 when my youngest brother, Bill was born. It was a surprise to all of us when mother went to the hospital and brought back a baby brother. I guess we were not observant to mother's gaining weight for the previous nine months. It was good to grow up with two brothers as it made for a good pitcher, catcher and batter combination. Yes, you may have figured that out, I pitched, Tommy caught and Bill batted. I made a good catcher out of Tommy and a good hitter out of Bill, but for some reason I never developed to achieve my dreams as a professional baseball pitcher. However, in latter years I did become a slow pitch softball pitcher, but it is just not the same.

My sister Carolyn was born on January 11, 1941, and my other sister, Ruth was born on July 24 1942, and my brother Tommy was born on November 4, 1943, but I don't remember any of those. Since I was born on June 27, 1939, you can caculate that in just a little over four years there were four of us. Bill is four years younger than Tommy. That still makes five in less that eight years.

Being the oldest, I have had the privilege of watching the family grow. Counting our mates there are at the present around 56 descendents of mom and dad. We have lost some by divorce and very few by death. My sister Ruth has lost two husbands. She married Carl Hamby right out of High School in 1960 and about 18 months later he was killed in a car wreck on December 31, 1961. She then married Don Smith in 1963 and by that union had two children, Steve and Amy. Don passed away on July 16, 2005. (See volume 38).

I preformed the wedding ceremony for my brother, Bill in 1971, my daughter, Gwen in 1980, my son, Gary in 1983, my granddaughter, Carrie in 2000, my grandson, Jonathan Dedmon in 2010, my nephew, Steve Smith, in 1987 and my niece, Jeniffer Dedmon in 2007. The first wedding I performed was for my cousin, Tommy Gilbert, who married Ann McCall and I also preformed the ceremony for Jane's niece (well mine too), Sandy Morton in 1981. Just recently I "tied the knot" for Sean Kiley, who is the son of my daughter's husband George.

### SEAN KILEY AND JENIFFER LAUDA

On May 3rd, 2014, I was privileged to officiate at the wedding of Sean Francis Kiley and Jeniffer Nicole



"TILL DEATH DO US PART..."  
(L-R) JENIFFER LAUDA-KILEY,  
LEROY DEDMON, SEAN KILEY

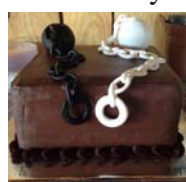
Lauda. Sean is the son of my daughter's husband, George Kiley. The wedding was at the beautiful Ashven Estate in Villa Rica, Carroll County, GA. The bride was given away by her father, Art Lauda. The best man was A.J. Scott and the maid

of honor was Brandy Brooks. Other members of the wedding party were groomsmen Devan Kiley and River Truitt and



the bridesmaids were Mazie Truitt and Abbey Webb. Bella Kiley and Kaylee Webb

were flower girls. The event was followed by a "cocktail" hour



"NO COMMENT..."

where the guests were served drinks and appetizers while the wedding party was being photographed.

The reception consisted of a delicious meal of prime rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu and all the trimmings.



"THERE YOU GO..."

From my point of view, everyone seemed to have a great time and the comments I heard were "such a beautiful wedding".



"WHO GIVES THIS WOMAN..."  
JENIFFER AND HER FATHER,  
ART LAUDA



"I PRESENT TO YOU..."  
MR. AND MRS. SEAN KILEY

### Kevin Spencer Broome marries Lindsey Dian Fulp



The wedding was held, Saturday April 26, 2014 at Camp Tygart in Ray City, GA. Kevin is the grandson of Tommy Broome, a Dedmon descendent. Kevin's parents, Spencer and Renee Broome were members at the Bremen congregation, where he served as a deacon, when I preached there. They were diligent workers with the youth and developed a very successful Annual Youth Rally. They now live in Valdosta, GA, and heavily involved in Latin American Missions. I have written about the Broome family on several occasions as our paths have crossed often.



## ...Just the GOOD NEWS

### MICHAEL BROOME RECEIVES DOCTORS DEGREE IN PHARMACY



(L-R) TERRY BROOME, MICHAEL SON, MICHAEL WIFE, MICHAEL DAUGHTER, MICHAEL BEOME, KATHY BROOME (TERRY'S WIFE)

*Michael is the son of Terry Broom, who is my fourth cousin. Actually according to Family Tree Makeer we are related 4 times. (3rd cousin once removed, 4th cousin, 4th cousin twice removed and 5th cousin once removed) I have not figured all that out but his great grandmother was Caroline Caldonia "Callie" Dedmon, the daughter of Thomas W. and Mary Jane "Janie" Dedmon. Thomas and Janie were cousins. Here is a note from Terry posted on his facebook page:*

I want to share with my Friends the great joy and thankfulness I feel in my heart this morning that we've come to the day when our Son, Michael, walks across the stage to receive his Doctors Degree in Pharmacy. He and Christie have sacrificed and worked together to keep their lives as normal as possible in their home, their heavy involvements in the church work, their devotion to God, each other, their children, all of us as their family, and to many of you who are their friends, all the while spending "endless" hours in heavy study over these past four years!!! The journey was hard, but their faith sustained them! A Father could hardly think of a way to be any prouder than to witness their personal victory.

Now off to work and to pass the licensing exams to be certified! He begins at Publix Pharmacy Tuesday.

Prayerfully, they are expecting child number three in September!

## From the Mail Bag



**From:** John Henson

Just in case you are planning on a garden this Spring I have attached a photo of Audrey and me. John and Shandelle had this made for our 2013 Christmas present. I hope this note finds all of you well. Love, Audrey and John (JWH)



*It was good hearing from John again. I miss him being close by since he moved to Michigan. Of course I have since moved to Buchanan for the same reason. So our daughter can care for us in our old age. I received another email from him following his receiving the proof copy of Volume 84.*

My dear cousin Leroy: Well you have done another great issue. I may not be too swift, but I did see a couple of things that I question on page 1. On the masthead at the top it says something like "... including the families of:". I may have missed something but did not see the other family spellings. Also near the bottom you used the word "ap". I believe it is "App" Just check it out to know for sure.

Glad you are feeling better and are back in the harness again, at least part time.

Cousin, John Henson

*I replied: "John, Of course you are right and I thank you for pointing those things out. One of the reasons I send you the proof copy is for that very thing. You still have "printer's ink" flowing in those viens, even if there is Dedmon blood there also." Thanks again, Cuz Leroy*

*John is one of my proof readers and a great encourager. He has printed every newsletter and keeps them in notebooks for reference. Actually we are related on both my father and mother's side of the family. -Leroy*

## THOMAS L.D. "PAMPA" DEDMON



Funeral Services for Thomas L.D. "Pampa" Dedmon, 76, of Skiatook, were held Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at the Sperry Christian Church in Sperry, OK. The Reverend Adam Stang officiated and burial was in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Sperry, OK. Casket Bearers were Mike Teel,

Eddie Williams, Scott Williams, Matt Pruitt, Tyler Jones and Mike Hamon. Honorary Casket Bearers were Chasity Teel, Jaclyn Grigsby, Becky Pruitt, Amanda Wells, Lindsey Jones, April Williams and Vicky Williams. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home, Sperry.

L.D. was born April 8, 1937 in Hodgen, OK to Charly and Stella Mae (Nobles) Dedmon. He passed away March 8, 2014 in Tulsa, OK.

L.D. was a truck driver and mechanic, and worked at Tulsa Produce for many years. He was a former president of the Turley Round Up Club, and rode with the Turley Thrillriders precision riding team for many years. L.D. loved Nascar, rodeos, and especially wrestling. He enjoyed dancing and going to breakfast at the Brown Cow Diner. L.D. was a joy to his family, and loved his grandkids. He was a strong man and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Debi Freeman of Tulsa; son, Larry Dedmon and wife Sheila of Sperry; sisters, Estella LedFord of Sallisaw, Laura Wofford of Tulsa, and Thelma Faye Mayo; brother, George Dedmon of Salina; grandchildren, Eddie Williams and wife Vicky of Skiatook, Scott Williams and wife April of Jenks, Chasity Teel and husband Mike of Sperry, Jaclyn Grigsby and husband Mike of Owasso, Becky Pruitt and husband Matt of Sperry, Amanda Wells of Tulsa, and Lindsey Jones and husband Tyler of Sperry; 23 great-grandchildren and 1 on the way; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Virginia Dedmon; father, Charly Dedmon; mother, Stella Mae; brothers, John Dedmon, Lee Dedmon and Buel Dedmon; sister, Trixie Haney; and grandsons, Derrek Hansen and baby Ty Jones.

*Thomas and I share the same great great grandfather, William Dedmon as I descend through William's son, William D. and Thomas descends through his son Mark. His 3 month old grandson, Tyler Jones passed away in January of this year.*

## TYLER DEWAYNE JONES



Funeral Services for Tyler Dewayne Jones, 3 months, of Sperry, were held Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Sperry Christian Church in Sperry, OK. The Reverend Adam Stang officiated and burial was in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Sperry, OK. Casket Bearers were Matt Pruitt, Mike McIntosh, Mike

Teel, Dakota Chuculate, Mike Grigsby, and Mike Hammon. Honorary Casket Bearers were Tom McGinnity, Tony McCollom, Bill Preslar, Jacob Myers, Kenny Lawrence, Corey Wilson, and Chris Stafford. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home, Sperry. Tyler was born September 10, 2013 in Owasso, OK to Tyler Wayne and Lindsey Dawn (Dedmon) Jones. He passed away January 7, 2014 in Tulsa, OK.

Tyler was a wonderful and well-loved baby. He liked bright colors and bright lights. Tyler loved kisses from his big brother, Jasper. He loved listening to music and snuggling close with his aunts. In his short time, he made great lasting memories for his family. Tyler enjoyed car rides, bouncing, and his soft cuddle blankets. He loved being with and being loved by his parents.

He is survived by his parents, Tyler and Lindsey Jones of Sperry; brothers, Jasper of the home, and Kaden of Tulsa; grandparents, Larry and Sheila Dedmon of Sperry; Dawn and Kenny Hacker of Glenpool, and Larry Jones of Tulsa; great-grandparents, L.D. Dedmon of Skiatook, Barbara Webster of Sperry, Carol and Jackie Webster of Sperry, and Linda "Poot-Poot" Woodum of Sperry; special grandparents, Tom and Claudia McGinnity, and Morrell Jones; aunts, Chasity Teel and husband Mike of Sperry, Jaclyn Grigsby and husband Mike of Owasso, Becky Pruitt and husband Matt of Sperry, Tiffany Jones of Glenpool, Tabby Haney of Glenpool, Taylor Scheulen of Sperry, and Jessica Bendall and husband Josh of Warner Robinson, GA; uncles, Mike Hammon of Sperry; god-parents, Jacob and Amanda Myers; and many other wonderful family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandma, Virginia Ann Dedmon; great-great-grandma, Violet Mitchell; grandma, Peggy Wentz; grandpa, Paul Woodum; uncle, Zoh Jones; and cousins, Derrek Hansen, Keith Wilson, Joshua Turley, Brandon Romines, and Corey Dedmon.

### **ROBERT L. DEADMON SR.**

Robert L. Deadmon Sr., 77, of Prince George County passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2011 in Colonial Heights Health Care Center. Born in Petersburg, he was son of the late James E. Deadmon and Sarah Meadows Deadmon. Mr. Deadmon was retired from Honeywell, and was a member of Monumental Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Carroll S. Deadmon; two sons, Robert L. Deadmon Jr. and J. Scott Deadmon and his wife, Lesli all of Prince George; a daughter, Cynthia D. Moon and her husband, David of Dinwiddie; four grandchildren, Zachary & Jeremiah Deadmon and Christina & Dave Moon; a sister Annie Hill; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011 in the Petersburg Chapel of the E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes and Crematory, 3935 S. Crater Road, with the Reverend Robert Livesay officiating. Interment will follow in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home

### **LOIS DEDMON**

Lois Dedmon, 71, of Waldron, AR passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in a Waldron hospital. She was a homemaker. Lois is survived by one son Todd Dedmon and wife Tammy of Waldron, Arkansas, two brothers Hal Lacy and wife Bobbie of Abbott, Arkansas, Edmond Lacy of Fort Smith, Arkansas, two granddaughters Lacey and Sara Dedmon both of Waldron, Arkansas. She is also survived by numerous friends, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Haw Creek Baptist Church with a cremation under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron.

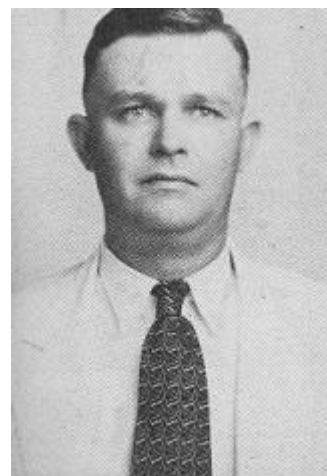


### **ANNA MAE DEDMON BAY**

Mrs. Anna Mae Bay, 85, of Anderson, passed away Friday, April 27, 2012, at her home. Visitation with the family will be Monday from 9-11am at Nobles Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will follow at 11:30 in the Whitehall Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Clyde Larrabee officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel. Anna Mae was born in

Navasota on November 15, 1926, to Elliott Ellison & Anna (McGee) Dedmon. After graduating from Navasota High School, she married Ernest Hulon Bay in Anderson on February 6, 1949. The couple owned and operated W.E. Bay & Sons Grocery in Anderson for over 30 years. Both also served as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Anderson. Anna Mae was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, Hulon Bay. Mrs. Bay is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Elliott & Andrea Leone-Bay of Ridgefield, CT, Thomas & Sarah Bay of Houston, and Edward & Jocelyne Bay of Austin; and her grandchildren, Melissa Brown and her husband Phillip of Houston, Abigail Bay of Ridgefield, CT, James Bay of Houston, and Nicholas Bay of Austin. Serving as pallbearers are Elliott Bay, Edward Bay, Thomas Bay, Bill Bay, Phillip Brown, and Tommy Szymczak. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fairview Whitehall Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund or St. Jude's Children Hospital.



**ELLIOTT ELLISON DEDMON**

### **CALLIE JOANN DEDMON**

February 16, 2011 - June 9, 2013

Callie JoAnn Dedmon, "Callie Jo", treasure daughter of Damion and Holly Dedmon, joined our Lord on Sunday June 9th, 2013. Callie Jo's laugh and radiant smile throughout her 2 years; brought joy and happiness to everyone she touched. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her three older brothers, Bryson, Dominic, and Ethan; paternal grandparents, Jay and Lorrie Davis; and maternal grandparents, Robert and Melanie Merrill; maternal great-grandparents Curly and Doris Merrill; maternal great-grandparents James and Rita Roberson; along with many other relatives and friends who loved Callie Jo very much. Services will be held Saturday, June 15th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at Resthaven Park Chapel-West, 6540 W. Northern Ave., with Pastor Greg Clemmons officiating. Interment will follow the service immediately. The family would like to thank everyone for being apart of this precious jewel's life. Our little princess will be loved and missed forever





### JUANITADEDMON

Juanita McCollum, Dedmon, 88, of Fairview Heights, Illinois, born Jan. 24, 1924, in Kentucky, passed away, Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, in Lebanon, Illinois.

Mrs. Dedmon was a member of the Tower of Faith Class at Tower View Baptist Church, Shiloh, Illinois. She loved having yard sales and tending to her flower beds. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who will truly be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Fred B. Dedmon; her parents, Willie and Alice, nee Britton, McCollum; a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Dedmon; and two sisters, Eula Harper and Nadine Parks.

Surviving are her children, Larry (Janet Morgan) Dedmon, of Dolan Springs, Ariz., Karen (Michael) Saffen, of Warsaw, Indiana, Paula (Mark) Compton, of Nashville, Illinois, Gary (Susie) Dedmon, of Fairview Heights, Illinois, and Kevin (Kim) Dedmon, of Fairview Heights, Illinois; her grandchildren, Erica (Chris) Taylor, Heather (Billy) Dachsteiner, Tanya Smith-Bale, Scott (Jennifer) Compton, Wesley (Jamie) Dedmon, Danielle (Nick) Shaw, Anthony Dedmon, and Duston (fiancé, Heather) Baborich; her great grandchildren, Austin, Eric, and Logan Taylor, Meaghan and Dylan Dachsteiner, Conner and Hallie Bale, Mallory and Camdyn Compton, Jude and Maxwell Dedmon, and Silas Shaw; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials are appreciated to Tower View Baptist Church, Cedar Ridge Health and Rehab Center, or Family Hospice. Condolences may also be expressed online at [www.lakeviewfuneralhm.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhm.com). Visitation: Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m., Sunday, November 25, 2012, at Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, Illinois. Funeral: Services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, November 26, 2012, at the funeral home, with Rev. Ron Woods officiating. Interment will be held in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

### PEGGY LAVONNA DEDMON

Today Heaven has one more angel, there is no more pain, and no hurt, no more tears for now she is in God's hands?.I will forever miss her smile and touch?My Aunt Peggy Dedmon, I Love you so?passed today. x went to be with her Lord and Savior, Friday, August 16, 2013 in Waldron, Arkansas surrounded by her loving family. Peggy was born September 3, 1939 in the Lamb Community near Waldron, Arkansas to Dessie Mae (McEntire) Lovett and Ellis Lovett. Peggy was 73 years, 11 months and 13 days old. Peggy loved her Lord and Savior and was a loyal follower. Peggy loved training horses, riding and taking care of them. She loved working on the farm. As a young women, Peggy was in the Waldron Quadrille for many years. Anyone who has ever met Peggy thought the world of her and believed her to be amazing. She was very loyal to anyone she cared for. Her friends found her to be very trustworthy and an understanding person. Peggy was a friend to everyone and loved by so many. Peggy's beauty, laughter and smiling face touched so many people. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. The time spent with her family were treasured memories. Peggy leaves behind to cherish her memory, one daughter, Tracy Dedmon of Waldron, Arkansas.. Granny will be missed by one granddaughter, Nicole Dedmon and three great grandchildren: Leesun, Pasen and Katlin all of Waldron, Arkansas. Peggy is also survived by one sister, Patsy Sehorn and husband Richard of Waldron, Arkansas, one brother Dewey Lovett Crain of Waldron, Arkansas, five nieces: Shannen Ray of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Simone Ray of Waldron, Arkansas, Marcy Crain of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Ramsey Crain of Missouri, and Marnie Crain of California, and one nephew, DJ Crain of St. Louis, Missouri. Peggy will be missed dearly and never forgotten by anyone. Peggy is preceded in death by one daughter, Lisa Mae Dedmon, her parents, Dessie and Hershell Crain, and her father, Ellis Lovett. Peggy's life celebration memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

### EFFIE INGLE

Effie Ingle - MIAMI Mrs. Effie P. Ingle, 73, of 9514 S.W. 190th St., died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Jackson South Community Hospital. Mrs. Ingle was a native of Cleveland County and worked at "You Pick Fields" in Miami where she enjoyed her customers. She was preceded in death by parents, **John and Mattie Grey Dedmon**; and husband, Joel Forest Ingle Jr. She is survived by sons, Daniel Ingle and wife, Gloria, of Miami and Tim Ingle and wife, Glenda, of Albermarle; daughters, Vonda McCoy and fiance, Dale Massey, of Miami and Linda Faith and husband, Bill, of Hickory; brother, Dean Dedmon of Shelby; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The funeral is Monday at 2 p.m. at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel, with the Rev. Richard Stroup officiating. Burial is in Cleveland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

(Published in The Shelby (NC) Star, February 18, 2006)

## PATSY DEDMON

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX  
Patsy Ruth Clark Dedmon, 80, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Friday in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.



Visitation: 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel; Dr. Gene Edwards will share memories with family and friends at 6.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Patsy to a charity of choice. Patsy was born in Dallas to Walter and Dessie Clark. Patsy loved the Lord, her family and friends. She will be loved always and missed by all.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, William Jefferson Morris; second husband, James E. Dedmon Sr.; two sons, Jimmy Ray Morris and James E. Dedmon Jr.; and siblings, Bobby and Mary Helen Clark.

Survivors: Children, Doris Elston (Charles), B.J. Morris (Sandy) and Angela Dedmon; daughter-in-law, Julia Morris; grandchildren, Kelly and Chris Dedmon, Tiffani and Ryan Morris, Joseph Morris (Lauren), Elizabeth Bales (Aaron), Cody Dedmon and Leianna Dedmon; sister, Sally Armstrong; numerous family members and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Shannon Rufe Snow Drive Funeral Chapel, Fort Worth, TX.

*I am not sure which James, Patsy married. The only one in my data base that could "fit the bill" would be James Dedmon, b. 1921, the son of Robert and Mollie Nixon Dedmon. (Help appreciated)*

## 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, send me an obituary of a family member, and I will publish it.*

### JEWELLEDMONTAYLOR

Jewell Agness Dedmon Taylor, age 97 passed away June 28, 2013 in Senatobia, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Henry Taylor, her parents Asa Calvin Dedmon, Anna Mae Sheets Dedmon and a son Bruce Wayne Taylor. She also was preceded in death by her brothers Calvin Franklin Dedmon, Paul Albert Dedmon and A. C. Dedmon. She is survived by her daughters Wanda (Floyd) Baker of Huron, Tennessee; Dorthory Sparks of Michigan; and Virginia (Walter) Wise of Bartlett, Tennessee. Sveral grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Private graveside services will be July 01, 2013 at Lawrence Memorial Cemetary, Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, Arkansas at 11 A.M

*I have searched in vain for Asa Calvin Dedmon. Maybe some of you Arkansas or Mississipi Dedmons can help find him. There are two or maybe three distinct Deadman lines we have not be able to connect but I still think they do. Christopher Deadman's parents remain a mystery although his ancestry goes back to the same place in England (Suffolk) that John Deadman does. We may be only one generation away from connecting the two. Contact me if you have any information.*

## KELLY RAYFIELD

(1930-2007)

Mr. Rayfield was reired from Lockheed Martin in Greenville, SC, and a member of the Northside



Baptist Church in Greenville. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army where he was in the Medic Corp.

Mr. Rayfield's parents were the late Oder Clifford Rayfield and Dovie Prue Robinson Rayfield. He was also preceded in death by his wife **Annie Belle Dedmon** Rayfield, brothers Howard, Hubert, Ralph & Otto Rayfield, sisters Bryte Carpenter, Ella Mae Davis & Becky Bernhardt.

Mr. Rayfield is survived by a son and wife; Tony & Kay Rayfield of Mooresboro, NC, Darrell Rayfield of Easley, SC, a daughter and husband Kay Rayfield Clay and Mike of Pelzer, SC. He is also survived by three sisters; Bonnie Ward of Waco, NC, Willie Rayfield of Mooresville, NC and Jessie Rayfield of Concord, NC, a sister-in-law Maggie Rayfield of Cherryville, NC, Grandchildren; Glenda Ogren, Tonya Rayfield, Tony Curtis Rayfield Jr., Cassandra Foxx & Dewayne Rayfield, 9 great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

*Annie Bell Dedmon was the daughter of John Daniel and Mattie Grey Dedmon and the granddaughter of William Leroy Pickney and Fannie Bell Lutz Dedmon. She was a descendent of the Revolutionary War vetren, Mark Dedmon, who fought in the battle of Cowpens and Kings Mountain as well as a number of Indian scrimmages. He is the firs known to spell the surname DEDMON.*

## JOHN C. DEADMAN

John Corbin Deadman Died January 10, 2014 at the age of 90 surrounded by his family. John was born July 19, 1923 in Indiana but was raised in Carbondale, Ill. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1942 and was discharged March 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He married Mary Joan Montgomery on June 27, 1953. They were blessed with six children Mark, Mary (Dan), Paul (Yolanda), Ann, Nancy (Jason), John (Viola), 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1948. In 1954, he graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1954 and the Texas Bar in 1957. He spent his entire business career in the insurance business, primarily as an underwriter. He was a member of SIRS, the Friends of the Marin Libraries, The Marin County Genealogical Society and spent some 15 years making deliveries for Meals on Wheels. Among the many pleasures of retirement, he was especially appreciative of not having to wear a necktie, which he considered an instrument of torture as well as a symbol (probably Republican) of conformity. There will be no funeral services and burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Petaluma.

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*There are many family members in Indiana and Illinois. We have yet failed to make the connection needed to know exactly where they are on the family tree. There are several possibilities but as of yet I have not found proof. (LD)*

## MILDRED M. VAUGHAN

Mildred Martha Vaughan, 86, of Ringgold, went home to be with her Lord and Savior peacefully, surrounded by her family on Saturday, September 7, 2013. She was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late, Crit and Lena Lawson, but has lived in the North Georgia area for most of her life and was of the Methodist faith. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas "Buddy" Vaughan and brother, Raymond Lawson.

Survivors include her children & spouses, Jerry & (Cheryl) Thomas Vaughan, Patsy & (Thomas) Callahan and Larry Dean Vaughan all of Ringgold, GA; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild and two nieces and two nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the Dailey Hills Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 – 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231 (800) 242-8721. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

*Mildred was married to Thomas (Buddy) Vaughn, the grandson to Harriett Evelyn Dedmon, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Black) Dedmon. It never ceases to amaze me at the number of kin folks I have living near me and never meet them. Such is the case with Mildred. (LD)*

## BILLIE FAYE SKIPPER

Billie Faye Shirley Skipper of Jasper, TN passed away peacefully on November 19, 2012 at 6 p.m. after a long illness with atrial fibrillation and multiple myeloma. She was 80 years old. She is survived by her husband (James) Thomas Skipper of Jasper, one daughter, Phyllis (Carl C.) Rose of Nashville, one sister, Carolyn (LeGrand T.) Fournier of Bogart, GA, niece Cathy Fournier of Bogart, nephew Steve (Mary) Fournier of Athens, GA, great niece Emly Fournier and two great nephews, Stevie and Spencer Fournier all of Athens, GA. She was born on September 20, 1932 in Cleveland, Tennessee. She was the daughter of the late Claude T. and Martha Jane Shirley of Whitwell, TN. She graduated from the 1951 class of Whitwell High School. She retired from Provident (Unum) Insurance Co. She was a claims adjuster. During retirement she enjoyed volunteering at Grandview Hospital in Jasper, volunteering for the Election Commission, and socializing with the "Golden Friends." She enjoyed crafts, teaching Sunday School, making pecan pies and being with her family. She was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, November 22, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Tate Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday, November 23 at 11 a.m. in the Tate Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Steve Middleton officiating.

Burial to follow in Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens in Jasper. Pallbearers are Carl Rose, Richard Newell, LeGrand Fournier, Steve Fournier, Spencer Fournier and Ed Parker.

*Billie Faye was my wife's first cousin and a great person. (LD)*