

The

Dedmon Connection

Vol. 86

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



I AM GOING TO MAIL THEM TOMORROW

When I preached on Sunday morning, July 14, 2013, I did not realize it would be my last sermon to preach at Ooltewah. We got in the car to meet some friends for lunch, but that never happened. As I put the car in reverse things begin to spin. I managed to get it into park and close my eyes as the nausea had already begun. A couple of the elders were still there and managed to get me into a wheel chair and inside the building. They then called 911 and the ambulance arrived shortly and transported me to Memorial Hospital. Gwen arrived a couple of hours later (the time it takes to drive from Buchanan to Chattanooga). I don't remember how long the elders and their wives stayed with us, but pretty sure it was until Gwen arrived. Other friends, including Mike and Judy Caputo and also my nephew, Brian and his wife, Cindy arrived on the scene. By the time I managed to get home the decision had already been made that we were going to have to move to Buchanan.

For three months I lived in Gwen's recliner (day and night) and was only able to go to the bathroom and the car to go to the doctor with help of another person and a walker. By the end of October, we were able to move into the house next door to Gwen and have been here a year. In March of 2014 after two stays in the hospital and five trips to Emory in Atlanta for therapy to restore my "balance" (no comments please), I was beginning to get around on my own fairly well. I told Gwen, I felt I could preach some if the local churches needed a "fill in" when the regular preacher was away. I wrote a letter and she and the grandchildren stuffed and addressed the envelopes. In a few days I received two calls to "fill in". When I told Gwen I had already two appointments, she said, "*Those letters must be working*". I replied, "*They may be, I am going to mail them tomorrow!!!*" I have never completely understood how the providence of God works, but it seems He was a couple of steps ahead of me. To say the least I have had a busy year.

I have conducted four Gospel Meetings (revivals) at Cowan, TN; Buchanan, GA; Lumley Stand in Manchester, TN; and Greenbrier in Ashland City, TN. In addition I have preached several Sunday "fill ins" and also a number of Wednesday nights. These include: Bremen, GA (Sunday and Wednesday), Cookeville, TN; Trenton, GA; Lafayette, GA; North Cherokee in Walaska, GA; Buchanan, GA and Bowdon, GA. I have had to cancel two appointments I made as I was not able to go when the time came. These were Lithia Springs, GA and Pennville in Trion, GA. I also teach a class on Sunday Morning at Buchanan. I have also taken "Preecher" Alfalfa Hayseed to Lafayette, GA and the Lions Club in Buchanan. I am still experiencing some health problems and have a biopsy coming up within three days of the time of this writing. We will know something soon....

IN THIS ISSUE

Page 2 - Down Memory Lane

Just the Good News:

Jesse and Jim Dedmon, Jr.

Page 3 - The Brick Wall -

West Tennessee Dedmons

From the Mail Bag:

Marianne Dial Deadmon

Page 4 - From the Mail Bag:

Jeremy Chaple

Page 5- Dedmon Attorneys:

Ty Dedmon, Shelly G. Dedmon, Dean P. Dedmon, Marc O. Dedman

Pages 6-8: Death Notices

(John M. Westbrook, Betty Cavender, Jerry Winford Lunsford, Maye Belle Armstrong, Ruth Ann (Dedmon) Richard, Linda Faye Dickson, William Daniel Dedmon)

*Down
Memory Lane*



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

When I first began this research project, I was very fortunate to find Jim Dedmon, a cousin, who lives in Fresno, CA. He had done extensive research on the family the hard way in BC (before computers). He was unselfish and shared with me his findings. I was privileged to meet him when we had our very first reunion in Chattanooga. He and Harrison Dedmond traveled together and met up with some more cousins in Atlanta (they lived in Florida and were Harrison's brothers and families). I met them at the Cracker Barrel in Kennesaw, GA and then later when we assembled at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ in Flintstone, GA. We have stayed in touch through the years via email. Our common ancestor is William D. Dedmon, my great grandfather and his great great grandfather. I was glad he and Harrison was able to meet my mother and exchange stories. Another avid researcher was Gordon Black, also a cousin from the William D. Dedmon line, who lived in Ringgold. He and Jim had corresponded many times prior to my meeting them. Gordon had boxes of information, which he shared with me. He was also related on my maternal side of the family, therefore providing me with much material on the Dickson, Black and Templeton family.

His son, Jim Dedmon, Jr. is a financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors in the Fresno, California area and active in other things as seen in the column to the right. In Volume 8 of **THE DEDMON CONNECTION**, I published a special picture of Jim, Sr., sent to my by his son. He lost his wife to a battle of cancer a few years ago and I have wished I could have been there for support. It is amazing how close I feel to all of my cousins found through this research even though in many cases we have never met.

Recently, I was paid a very memorable visit by three of my "found" cousins. **Susan Dedmon Miller, Judy Dedmon and Liz Dedmon Cook**, who are sisters and also cousins via the William D. Dedmon connection. They came through Buchanan and met Jane and myself for lunch at Gwen's (our daughter) Family Restuarant. I dedicated Vol. 77, to their father, **Roy Lane Dedmon**. Our paths have crossed so many times through the years and yet we did not know of each other's existence until about 15 years ago. Although we have communicated by email and facebook, it was the first time we met.

**Just the
GOOD NEWS**



**JIMMY AND JESSE
(TWO PEAS IN A PRODIGY POD!)**

I received this information from my cousin Jim Dedmon several months ago. Jim was the first cousin found when I began the research project to locate the Dedmon family, It was good hearing from him. I really meant to publish it much sooner, but sometimes I am guilty of procrastination. Not only that I also put things off that should be done sooner. However, here it is and I hope you enjoy as much as I did.

Leroy, this is my son, Jim Dedmon, Jr and my 9 year old grandson, Jesse Dedmon. Both won first place belts in San Francisco, Ca. By the way, I retired as a stockbroker after 40 years in 2010. My son has been a stockbroker for the last 10 years.



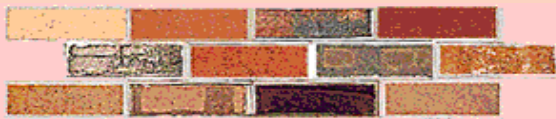
This is Jesse Dedmon, my grandson who won two Grand Champion trophies in San Jose, CA He is nine years old.

My son, Jim Jr. is the black belt (with the hair on his face). My grandson was the competitor of the year 2012 and was awarded the trophy in Las Vegas, NV.



-Jim Dedmon, Sr

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.

We (all known family researchers) have searched in vain to find the connection to the Christopher Deadman line of the Deadman family. Many of us believe such a connection does in fact exist. Wanda Colvin made a trip to England and found records on both lines in the same place, but could not locate the link we need. Christopher was born around 1625 and died in York County, VA in 1679. There are several sons of John Thomas Deadman who would have been the right age for Chris' father and we have none of their descendents. These would include Charles Thomas (b. 1598), William Lane (b. 1600), Robert H (b. 1604), James T. (b. 1605), and Henry (b. 1607).

The best I can tell of the "West Tennessee" Dedmons is they descend from Christopher and moved west from Virginia via Alabama. I found the following at FindAgrave.com:

**George Washington Dedmon
(b. 1840 AL, d. 1900 TN)**

In my files I have a George W. Dedman, son of William Dedman, born in Madison, County, AL and dying before 1903 in TN. I believe George Washington Dedmon is in fact George W. Dedman. His family is traced back to Virginia and to Chris.

However, this entry caught my eye since since he was born in N. C., that places him closer to our line (geographical speaking)

**J F Dedmon, (b. Apr. 10, 1857- d. Jun. 20, 1886)
"BORN IN DAVIE CO, N C APR 10, 1857"**

**Husband of Sarah Polina VanEaton Dedmon
They were both buried in Good Hope Cemetery;
Dyer, Gibson County, Tennessee, USA**

However, the records we have show Sarah Paulina Van Eaton married to James Anderson Deadman on Feb 09, 1854 in Davie County, NC and is buried in Gibson County, TN. but, J. F. Dedmon is her son (John Franklin Deadman). Her husband died in Richmond, VA in 1863 (probably in the Civil War). He was a descendent of John Deadman, which raises the possibility of other WestTennessee Dedmons also being of that line instead of Christopher's.

From the Mail Bag



I Thoroughly enjoyed reading this first reading of THE DEDMON CONNECTION. (Vol. 84)

I am not even sure that I have read of the other three obituaries of our family, Bobbie Deadman, Buford Deadman, nor Pat Reisen so I was glad to see these. Thank you for including these in this newsletter. And I thought the obituary for Charles was nice. Appreciate your including all of it.

I am glad to know that your health is better and that you are continuing your preaching and traveling. Were you aware that when you lived in Morrison we lived in McMinnville? People would ask if we were related and at this pre-genealogy time in my life, I said no, the names are spelled differently. Little did I know.

Something that just happened this week-end through Find A Grave. I was contacted to make a link between father and son which I questioned. The explanation told me there was a second son of this father who had been adopted and now the son was trying to find his birth family. Actually, I knew the first son and the mother, so was able to give him some information and he said that answered some of the questions he had all those years. Only sad thing was he did not start looking soon enough to be able to make the connection with that family. Rewards of research. Really appreciate your newsletter.
-- Marianne Dial Deadmon

It is always good to hear from Marianne as she has been a tremendous help on the branch of the tree her husband, Charles was on. I extended my sympathy to her and family in the passing of Charles in Vol. 84. Both her and daughter have done a lot of great work in FindAgrave.com.

I have several friends in the Middle Tennessee area who are connected to the Deadman family. I wished I had been more interested in the family research project when I lived there.

I have found folk related to the family that I knew when I lived in the Nashville area. Of course, at the time I had no idea we might be related. Of course, we are still missing some of the pieces, but we still consider one another family. As I have often said, if you go back far enough we are all related. --Leroy



From the Mail Bag

I received the following email a few days ago from Jeremy Chaple. It was very interesting and cleared up a couple of "mysteries" for me

Deano <Deano@iheartmedia.com>

Hello,

My name is Jeremy Chaple. I found my father's name and email address listed on your website while doing research on my family just now.

My dad was Bill Chaple listed here in the email section. <http://www.dedmon.org/connection/connection71.pdf>

Unfortunately, my dad, William E Chaple III passed away in April of 2013 and his father William Chaple Junior passed away in September.

In your response you said:

"Even though we have never made an official connection to this branch of the family, I believe we all know it does connect. I certainly count them as family."

I don't know if this means much but... <http://dedmon.org/html/d0005/g0000088.html#I00026>
This is my great-grandmother

This would be my great-great grandfather... <http://dedmon.org/html/d0009/g0000020.html#I00017>
Richard Wilson Deadman that my dad mentioned.

So I guess we really might be family. Thanks,
-- Jeremy "Deano" Chaple

In response to Jeremy I said:

Jeremy, It was good hearing from you and to find a new "cousin". Although, we have never found the "missing link" between Christopher Deadman (your line) and John Deadman (my line) we know it must exist. Both have been traced back to Suffolk, England.

I am sending what I have beginning with David Dedman, the father of Richard Wilson Dedmon (Deadman)... As you may have already discovered the spelling of the Deadman surname varies as it seems each family spelled it the way it sounded to them.

Please look this over and add, subtract or change any information you see that is wrong or missing.... be sure to include your family (ancestors and descendants) as I would like to bring my file to date... Thanks, Leroy

WILLIAM EARL CHAPLE JR.

August 29, 2014 William Earl Chaple, Jr., age 93 of Hoover died Friday, August 29, 2014 at his residence. He was preceded in death by his son, William E. Chaple, III and his parents, William E. Chaple, Sr. and Marie Dedman Chaple. Mr. Chaple was a native and life long resident of Jefferson County. He was a charter member of the Riverside Baptist Church in Helena. Mr. Chaple served in the United States Army where he was a veteran of World War II, formerly worked with the IRS and retired from the VA Hospital. He loved his family, Lord and church. He is survived by his wife, Bettye R. Chaple; two daughters, Janice Johnson and Karen Greene (Mike); one son, Kelly Chaple; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Riverside Baptist Church in Helena at 11:00 A.M. with visitation from 10:30 -11:00 A.M. prior to the service. Pastor J. J. Stanbridge will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Riverside Baptist Church, 1919 Highway 52, Helena, AL 35080

WILLIAM E. CHAPLE III

CHAPLE, III, WILLIAM E. Services for William E. Chaple III will be held at a later date in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Chaple, 63, of Meridian died Saturday April 20, 2013 at his residence. Mr. Chaple was a member of 1st Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his children Joe Aven of Gulf Shores, AL, Rick Aven (Chris) of Los Angeles, CA, Kellye Bowens (John) of Helena, AL, Adam Aven (Leslie) of Birmingham, AL, Pete Chaple (Mitsi) of Beaufort, SC, Andy Chaple (Ann) of Palm Bay, FL, Matthew Chaple (Kelly) of Gulf Breeze, FL and eleven grandchildren. Parents Earl and Betty Chaple of Hoover, AL. Sisters Jan and Karen. He is preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Chaple.

I had corresponded with Jeremy's father at least on one occasion, which he mentioned. At that time both of the above mentioned were alive and attended the Deadman Renuion in Birmingham. Since I have recently revised the webpage the links in Jeremy's letter are not correct, but the names are. -Leroy

NEED LEGAL HELP?

There are several Dedmons in the Legal profession and I know this is not all of them, but is all I could find. If you know others please let me know. I am sure if you live in these areas they will be helpful.



Ty E. Dedmon
Bradley Arant Boult

Cummings, Birmingham, AL.

Ty is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses on the areas of Life Sciences and Commercial litigation. His representation of life sciences clients in both commercial and personal injury disputes gives him a unique perspective in assisting many of the firm's clients in all aspects of the healthcare industry. His commercial litigation experience includes the representation of clients in the transportation and logistics industry, as well as an online travel company involved in dozens of hotel occupancy tax disputes nationwide. *Although I am not personally acquainted with Ty, I do know his father, Tim, very well. Tim is an excellent researcher and supporter of my efforts. He maintains a DNA research web site that has been helpful.*

Law Offices Of
Shelly G. Dedmon
(216) 622-8466
1400 McDonald Investment
Center 800 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dean P. Dedmon
Wilkerson, Gauldin, Hayes,
Jenkins & Dedmon
Dyersburg, Tennessee 38025

Practice Areas

Trial Practice
Civil Litigation
Civil Appeals
Commercial Litigation
Medical Malpractice
Personal Injury

Admitted

1996, Tennessee, U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee and U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; 2000, U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Law School

Cumberland School of Law of Samford University, J.D.

Member

Dyer County (President, 2002) and Tennessee Bar Associations.

Dean is a Trial Attorney licensed in Tennessee and Missouri handling all aspects of litigation. He is further licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit; the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee; the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee; the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas; the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri



Marc O. Dedman

Member, Spicer Rudstrom PLLC
Nashville, Tennessee

615-259-9080 (Phone)

615-259-1522 (Fax)

mod@spicerfirm.com

Practice Areas

Business and Commercial Litigation
Employment Practices Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation
Pharmacy Malpractice
Professional Liability

Education

Tulane University School of Law (J.D., 1983)
Columbia University Graduate School of Business (M.B.A, 1988)
Loyola University (B.B.A. 1980)

Bar Admission

Louisiana (1983)

Tennessee (1990)

Practice Privileges

Tennessee Trial & Appellate Courts
Tennessee Supreme Court
United States District Courts, Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of TN
United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi
United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
United States Supreme Court

JOHN M. WESTBROOK

Funeral services for John M. Westbrook, 66 highly esteemed citizen of Rossville, were held Thursday afternoon, April 6, 1944 from the McFarland Memorial Methodist church, with the Revs. E. B. Randall, H. D. Hart and T. F. Cook officiating. Interment took place in the Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park. Mr. Westbrook had been connected with the Converse Bridge and Steel Co. for forty years. He was a member of the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Crawford and Laura Ann Kington Westbrook. One brother, William A. Westbrook.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. (Mammie) **Dedmon** Westbrook and two sons, Darrel and Cecil Westbrook of Rossville; four sisters, Anna Frances "Annie" Westbrook of Chickamauga (*married to C. B. Barton*); Ethel M. Westbrook (*married to John Skipper*); Miss Lilly Therese Westbrook and Lucy Jane "Jennie" Westbrook (*married to E. M. Broom*) of Rossville; three brothers, Edmond Crawford Westbrook of Chickamauga; Benjamin F. Westbrook and Hebron L. "Heber" Westbrook of Chattanooga. Pallbearers were W. D. Clarkson, Millard Cook, O. L. Sims and Frank Gilbert.



L- R: DARREL, CECIL, JOHN AND MAMIE

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.

BETTY CAVENDER

Mrs. Betty Andrews Cavender, 75, of Dalton, passed away Friday, March 14, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Andrews Cole, husband Ely Nathan Cavender and a grandson, Malachi Andrews Padgett.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Marlin Gene Cavender and Michael and Sherri Cavender; daughter and son-in-law Melinda Mae and Kenneth Dwayne Postell; sister, Katie Cole Simmons; grandchildren, Mark Cavender, Melissa Cavender, Morgan Padgett, Maegan (Patrick) Suddeth, Kymberly Postell and Megan Postell; great-grandchildren, Matthew Cavender, Malachi Padgett and Moriah Padgett; special friend and caregiver, Rebecca Delores Walston.

A memorial service was at 3 p.m. Sunday from Maple Grove Baptist Church. Betty was laid to rest beside her husband in West Hill cemetery.

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements.

The Dedmon- Cavender family connection began with the marriage of Clemeth Cavender, Sr. and Rachel Rebecca Deadman. They lived in the Murrayville, GA area and many descendents are still in North Georgia.

JERRY LUNSFORD



Jerry Winford Lunsford, 64, of Crandall, GA passed away Sunday March 30, 2014 at his home. A native of Ringgold,

Georgia, he has lived in the Crandall area for the past 36 years and was a self-employed master carpenter / construction builder all of his life. He is preceded in death by his father Winford Lunsford; sister, Cynthia Louise Lunsford and brother, Donnie Lunsford. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Diane Smith Lunsford of Crandall, GA.; mother, Mary Ruth Vess Lunsford of Ringgold, GA.; two sons, Chris Lunsford (Christine) of Rocky Face, GA., and Seth Lunsford (Kim) of Crandall, GA.; three grandchildren, Johnny Briggs Jr., Caleb Lunsford and Lexie Lunsford, several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday April 2, 2014 in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 3-9 P.M. and Wednesday until funeral time at the funeral home. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Jerry was my first cousin, the son of my mother's sister (half sister), but we don't count halves and steps. His mother is my aunt Mary and one of the sweetest women I know. She would visit us when we lived in Catoosa County. Jerry's wife is also a cousin on the Templeton side of the family. Jerry and Diane would often visit my mom before she died and you could always count on seeing them at any of our family funerals.

MAYE BELLE DEDMON ARMSTRONG



Maye Belle Armstrong, 80, of Mansfield passed away Sunday, June 8, 2014, in a Fort Smith hospital. Maye was born Jan. 11, 1934, to the late Herman August and Melvina (Tyler) Dedmon.

Maye is survived by her husband, Robert Armstrong of Mansfield; three children, Roger Lee Armstrong and wife Leigh of Edmond, Okla., Laura Ann Frasier and husband Carl of Mansfield and Nealsen Andrew Armstrong of Mansfield; three grandchildren, Armstrong A. Frasier, Josephine M. Frasier and Samantha R. Armstrong; three stepgrandchildren, Daniel W. Jones, Crystal L. Whitehearse and Felicia D. Jones; six great-grandchildren, Lee Jones, Zackry Pace, Chyanne Jones, Autumn G. Pace, Trinity M. Pace and Draven X. Jones. She is also survived by two sisters, Joyce Jean Dart and Ruth Ann Richard; one brother-in-law, Cecil Lewis Armstrong; and four sisters-in-law, Nancy McGee, Norma Faye Riddle, Mary Groves and Cathy Gross.

Maye was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mary Nell Morgan; one brother, Herbert Allen Dedmon; two nephews, Perry Allen Dedmon and Justin Morgan; and one great-nephew, Robert Allen Pearce.

She had a huge fascination with history, especially her own. Maye did constant genealogy research, going back to the 1600s in some directions. She said it was "like reaching back in time and shaking hands with your ancestors, your blood." Her involvement with the Fort Smith Scottish Club was part of this. She also loved God and had a passion for ministry, serving from a young age. Maye Belle and her sisters, Ruth Ann, Mary Nell and Joyce Jean sang many times together as a group at different area churches. Her ministry also reached very personal levels. She and Robert took unofficial foster children at least half of their marriage, sometimes there were 12 plates at dinner and breakfast for months. One of them eventually became their son-in-law. She's still Mom and Grandma to many others. She was a teacher most of her life. She taught in public schools and church. Her work with some went above and beyond what's required, true of really good teachers. Some were able to stay in a regular system, largely because of her.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Martin Funeral Home in Mansfield. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Mansfield, with the Rev. Mark Griffith officiating. Burial will be at Coop Prairie Cemetery under the direction of Martin Funeral Home in Mansfield.

Pallbearers will be Gene Edwards, Arden Jones, Bruce Pyles, Michael Freeman, Tim Cumbie and Ken Boyd. Honorary pallbearers will be Hal Jerry and Josh Belt.

RUTH DEDMON RICHARD



Ruth Ann (Dedmon) Richard, 78, of Fayetteville passed from this life on, July 1st, in her home. Ruth was born, at home, August 21, 1935, to the late Herman August and Melvina (Tyler) Dedmon of Mansfield, AR. Ruth is survived by two children; Nathan Simeon Richard and wife Renetta of Jefferson City, MO, Janna Shereen (Richard) Marting and husband Richard of Fayetteville, AR; three grandchildren; Derrick Michael Richard, Ava Shereen Fridley, and Cody Michael William Coleman.

She is survived by one sister Joyce Jean Dart and husband Lonny of Mansfield, AR; two brother-in-laws, Robert Armstrong and Jerry Morgan; one sister-in-law Nancy Dedmon; 9 nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Nell Morgan and Maye Belle Armstrong; one brother, Herbert Allen Dedmon; two nephews, Perry Allen Dedmon and Justin Leon Morgan; one great-nephew, Spc. Robert Allan Pierce.

While growing up the four sisters went to many area churches singing. She spent many hours researching family history, making flowers arrangements, and ceramics.

Ruth was of the Christian faith and a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Springdale, AR. In her 78 years she did a lot of church teaching. She worked for SWEPCO Electric for 13 years. While her children were young she ran an in home daycare in Greenwood, AR. She did private duty home health for a few years. Later she became church/school secretary at Van Buren Christian Academy. Her last working years were spent at Gordon Mail Service.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 13th, at First Baptist Church Mansfield, AR., at 2:30pm. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd, Springdale, Arkansas 72762, or to Arkansas Baptist Children's Home, 10 Remington Dr, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.

It was my privilege to meet Maye Bell and Ruth at our Dedmon Reunion in 2000. Several family members traveled with them from Arkansas to Ringgold, GA for a very enjoyable time of family gathering. One of our fondest memories is the trip to the old Dedmon Cemetery. The old road was barely passable, but we piled in the back of dad's pick-up truck and made the trip, even though we got stuck several times. --Leroy



LINDA FAYE DICKSON

Linda Faye Dickson, 69, of Ringgold departed this life on Friday, June 06, 2014. She was born in Graysville, Georgia to the late John Alexander and Clara Lucille (King) Dickson and was a member of the Ringgold First Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her three brothers, Troy, Carl and Paul Dickson. Survivors include her sisters, Bobbie Shields, Wilma Scott, Audrey (Bill) Collison, Martha (Jack) Baggett all of Ringgold and Doris (Bill) Pitts of Tunnel Hill, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, June 9, 2014 in the funeral home Chapel. Interment will follow in Anderson Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM Sunday, and prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Parkside Nursing Home in care of Activities Department 110 Park City Road Rossville, Georgia 30741 and/or Life Choice Hospice 106 Pearl Drive Suite 107, LaFayette, GA, 30728. Arrangements are by Wallis-Stewart Chapel of Wilson Funeral Homes in Ringgold, Georgia.

I was honored by being asked to speak at Linda's funeral service, but due to illness was unable to do so. The Dicksons were some of our closest cousins growing up. We were actually kin on both sides of the family. According to Family Tree Maker, she was my 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin once removed and 4th cousin. This was because her great great grandmother was Mary Hannah Dedmon. Although her father, Alex Dickson, was my mother's 1st cousin, we called him "Uncle Alex". During my pre-school years and part of the first grade we lived near each other at Graysville, GA. The day my father left for the Army, my grandfather was hit by a truck and passed away two days later. The Red Cross arranged for him to meet us in Macon, GA and since mom did not drive "Uncle Alex", drove me and mom to Macon. When we moved from Graysville to East Garden Farm Road near Rossville, GA, Paul walked our cow the approximate 15 miles. It was not long after that when he joined the Armed Services at the young age of 16 and in a short time was reported as Missing In Action in Korea. He was never found. In my senior year of high school, I had the family car with a load of friends in Graysville and went down a dirt road where a rock bursted the oil pan. It was near a recreational area and Carl Dickson happened to be there. He had a welding shop nearby and towed us to the shop and repaired the damage. I thought I was "home free" and dad would never know, but at the next oil change the attendant pointed the repair out to dad and I had to "face the music". At some time, "Uncle Alex" was employed at the amusement park known as Lake Winnepesauka and operated the "bumper cars". When I and my friends would ride, he always let the time go longer. He served many years in law enforcement in Ringgold. The Dicksons were among those who visited mom during her illness prior to her passing away. As is the case with many cousins time has separated us to some extent and although we are not as close as we were in our childhood years, our love for the family is still there.

DANIEL WILLIAM DEDMON

I published the death notice of Daniel along with his picture in Volume 83, but did not have his obituary, therefore I am republishing.



Daniel William Dedmon, age 54, of Highlandville, passed away Friday in his home, December 27, 2013. He was born December 7, 1959, in Kansas City, the son of John Asbury Dedmon and Betty Jean (Kiekel) Dedmon. The family moved to Springfield when Daniel was young, and he continued to live in the Ozarks for the rest of his life. His parents as well as a brother, Charles Dedmon, preceded him in death.

Daniel served as President for the Nixa Area Farmer's Market for many years. He was a top producer of quality fruits and vegetables. Daniel was widely known in the area as "The Watermelon Man" or "Tomato Dan". He loved working with livestock and the land. Daniel was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was also a generous and loving family man.

Survivors include: his lifetime partner, Karlotta Karen; children, Jeremiah, Josh, and Elizabeth and her husband Ryan; a granddaughter Alexis; a sister, Kathleen Herndon Burkhardt and her husband Charles A. Burkhardt; an aunt and uncle, Clarlene and Joe Stewart; a niece, Jessica L. Hill; and a nephew, Aaron M. Herndon.

A memorial service will be Saturday, January 4, at 1:00 PM in Adams Funeral Home, Ozark. The family requests that memorials be made to Convoy of Hope.