

# THE DEDMON Connection

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## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

For the past several years, I have donned my red suit and had fun with the kids. When I first began, I would take pictures with the “sweet young things” at Walmart. At that time, I had my real beard, which in some ways was better, although I was more recognizable by those who knew me. My great grandchildren told me later, “Granddaddy, when you were Santa, we still knew you were our granddaddy”. They had fun anyway and accepted the fact that I was one of Santa’s helpers. The real beard certainly had its advantages and made for some good conversation. I had to miss one of the sessions and when I returned, the young lady making the pictures, said, “We sure are glad you are back, whe had to use a fake Santa yesterday”.

One of my favorite stories from my experiences is when the little four year old boy climbed onto my lap with all smiles, but when I asked, “What do you want for Christmas young man?”, the smiles disappeared and he became a little teary eyed as he answered, “Didn’t you get my letter?” After a bit of explaining, he left happy.

Every Saturday in December, I took the man in the red suit to my daughter’s restaurant, Gwen’s Family Restaurant, in Buchanan, GA. It was advertised as “Eat Pancakes with Santa” and all the kids under 10 ate free. Those who wanted pictures took them with their own cameras and the kids told Santa what was on their list. After they ate they got some gifts from the jolly old fellow and



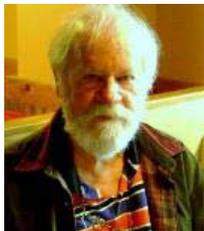
promised to be good and mind their parents. It was a fun time for all. In fact, the event was so popular we had to carry it over into the next week on Monday morning. Some the employees had to take time out to pose for their Santa picture. Some of you may recognize my daughter, Gwen. These are not “paying” customers in the picture to the left. they are my son-in-law, George Kiley (with the beard) and his brother, John who was here on a visit from Florida.



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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!!!!



**Eddie Hightower is a cousin on the Cavender side of the family and has contributed information through the years to our newsletter. Although his roots are in Georgia, he lives in South Carolina. - -Thanks, Eddie**

Remembering Den Mother Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower on this day which marks the 30th anniversary her departure for her Heavenly Home...at least two of the members of her Cub Scout Den are now reunited with their Den Mother of those days on the Voorhees Road in Denmark, Bamberg County, South Carolina. Buddy and Eddie Hightower, her only children, are two other former Scouts, who have greatly missed their beloved Mother over those 30 years...and...who are looking forward to a wonderful reunion some great day in the future...she was a loving mother to many over her years of life on this Earth...RIP...



Martha with her son, "Buddy" and his fellow Cub Scouts of his Cub Den. Martha was the Den Mother. "Buddy" is Judson Hightower. Shown here with "Cap" Prescott, Gus Eubanks, Bill Williamson of Troop 77, Den Chief of the Den, Robert Berry of Pack 77, Bill Williamson of Pack 77, Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower, Den Mother, Judson Hightower, Riley Milhous and Barney Easterling at Georgia and South Carolina.



Shown here are some of my mother's first cousins as they are cooling off in a mountain stream. The young girl with the wide black belt in the cold mountain stream is my dearest mother, Martha Eleanor Cavender, who in later life married my father, Edgar Voncile Hightower, Senior. Mother wasn't the oldest, nor the largest of the ones in the stream, she was next to largest and next to oldest. Mother was the granddaughter of Joseph Warren Cavender, who built and operated the Villanow/Cavender Country Store in Villanow. The other children in the stream were mostly the children of my Great Aunt Georgia Cavender Beck, who was also a daughter of Joseph Warren Cavender. Of course, everyone mentioned is of Dedmon descendency. The photo is most likely from the Villanow area of Walker County, Georgia, between La Fayette and Dalton.



Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower and her nephew Joel Cornett, the son of the late Murrell Cornett, MD, who had a family practice in La Fayette for many years, before moving to Chattanooga. He and my mother were on their way to the part of Michigan, where some of our family had migrated from Georgia. Joel was in the banking industry in Birmingham for several years.

## 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.*

*This page of the newsletter is used to help locate those "loose ends" (no pun intended in reference to the Dedmon family members) in our family tree. I have found several Dedmons at FindAgrave.com with no information to allow me to attach them to the tree. I am hoping some of the family will read this and provide us with information. - Leroy*

**Richard Dedmon** was born Nov. 23, 1845 in Alabama and died Oct. 24, 1905 in Texas. He is buried in the Harmony Cemetery, Grimes County, Texas. He was married to **Elizabeth Todd Dedmon**, born Feb. 28, 1856 in Texas and died Apr. 4, 1928 in Houston, Harris County, Texas. She was the daughter of William Todd. She



is also buried in Harmony Cemetery. They had three children (maybe more) Addie Dedmon, John Buck Dedmon and Lelia Dedmon. Addie was born July 21,

1877 and died Nov. 21, 1929. She married a Loftin and is also buried in Harmony Cemetery. John was born Apr. 17, 1881 in Grimes County, Texas and died Oct. 12, 1937 in Houston, Harris County, Texas and buried in Harmony Cemetery. He married Laura Michie, the daughter of



Lelia Ward and J. P. Michie. Laura was born July 22, 1883 in Grimes County, Texas and died Apr. 27, 1935 in Houston, Harris County, Texas and buried in Harmony Cemetery. They had six children, Wilson Dedmon was born about 1909 (all I have on him), a son who died in infancy, Gladys Dedmon, Jones Dedmon, Travis Dedmon and Lorraine Dedmon. Gladys was born May 25, 1911 in Texas, and died May 30, 1987.



She was buried in Earthman Resthaven Cemetery in Houston, Harris County, Texas. Gladys married (1) Wilmer Casanover, Sr. and had at least two Children,



Wilmer Casanover, Jr. and Bonnie Fay Casanover. She married (2) Aubrey H. Bates, as far as I know, they had no children. Jones Dedmon was born Apr. 7, 1914 and died Dec. 3, 1984. He served in World War II and is buried



in Harmony Cemetery with his parents. Travis Dedmon was born in 1917 and died in 1986. He married Florene L. born in 1915 and died in 2001. Travis and Florene are both buried in Harmony Cemetery.



Lorraine Dedmon was born Oct. 27, 1920 and died Jan. 25, 2007. She married Paul Harris Warnick, who preceded in death after 39 years of marriage in 1956. Paul and Lorraine are both buried in Earthman



Resthaven Cemetery in Houston, Harris County, Texas. They had one child who is still living. I have his name and will attempt to

contact him to see if he has more information. Richard and Elizabeth Todd Dedmon's daughter, Lelia Dedmon, was born Nov. 18, 1887 and died June 20, 1920. She married W. T. Martin on March 30, 1911 and as far as I know they had no children. Lelia is also buried in the Harmony Cemetery. There is one other Dedmon buried in the Harmony Cemetery, Mozelle



Dedmon. She married J. H. Johnson and they have one son listed in Rosemound Cemetery; Waco, McLennan County, Texas. Mozelle was born Aug. 5, 1874 and I do not have her death date. Mozelle and J.H. Johnson appear in the 1900 census in Grimes County, Texas.

*There is a strong possibility that this Richard was Richard Dedman as John A. Dedman and Adaline Vaughn were married in Madison County, Alabama and had nine children, among which was a Richard with a birth year of 1844 vs Nov. 23, 1845 which is pretty close in genealogy research. The Richard here was born in Alabama, so at least we have something to go on. Our Alabama Richard Dedman's father was John, this Richard had a son named John, which is at least a clue. So if anyone out there has information let us hear.*



## ...Just the GOOD NEWS

### JOHN RAMSEY AND SUSAN DEDMON MILLER CELEBRATE NUMBER 38



On December 23, 1976, John Ramsey Miller and Susan Jean Dedmon, exchanged their wedding vows before family and friends. To this union there have been three boys and eight grand-

children. Their oldest son, Christian, has four children, Alexa, Eli, Max, and Sasha. Rush, their second child has two, Rush and Shay and their youngest son, Adam also has two, Ramsey and Theodore. John and Susan reside in Concord, NC. We extend our congratulations to this very talented couple. *(See Volumes 76, 77, & 88, for more information on this branch of our family.)*

### GARY LEBRON DEDMON AND LINDA DIANE TOOTHMAN REACH 31 YEARS



Gary and Diane were married on November 5, 1983 in Springfield, TN. Her father, Don Toothman, and myself performed the ceremony at the Main Street church of Christ, where I was serving as the minister. They have given me two grandsons, Greg and Jonathan. Jonathan married Michele Grogan, which I was also privileged to "tie the knot". They are the parents of two boys, Brady and Carson, who of course, are my great grand sons. Greg is planning a wedding for October, 2015. So there is a possibility I will have more great grandchildren. They all live in Springfield, TN

### BRENDA LEE PUTNAM AND EDDIE WARREN BRIDGES, 37 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Brenda Lee Putnam is the daughter of Edith Corrine Dedmon and granddaughter of Evans Van Buren Dedmon. She married Eddie Warren Bridges on December 10, 1977. They have three children, Matthew William, Jessica Lee and Ginger Marie.

<http://familylobby.com/dedmon/logon.asp>

### CLAUDE KENNETH PRICE AND ALICE CAROLYN DEDMON CELEBRATE 54 YEARS



On September 2, 2014, Carolyn and Claude were married 54 years. She is the second child and oldest daughter of Gordon and Ruby Dedmon. Of course, that makes her my sister. They have three children, Kenneth, (married to Becky Cagle), Suzie, (married to Scott Youngberg) and Mark, (married to Carmen Ship). They reside in Rossville, GA.

### KENNETH GREGORY PRICE AND REBECCA CAGLE CELEBRATE 24 YEARS



My nephew, Kenneth Price and wife, Becky celebrated twenty four years of marriage on October 4, 2014. Kenneth is the son of my sister Carolyn Dedmon Price and Claude Price. They have two children, Ashley Ellison Hemrick (married Rob Hemrick) and Taylor Alexander Price. They reside in East Ridge, TN.

## From the Mail Bag

*I received several emails from Ted Garretson recently concerning information on the Dedman family. I have combined his requests into the following article. Maybe some of you can help...*



Leroy: We need to connect. The Robert Dedman, Elizabeth Jane Timberlake marriage connects to my family. We can trade a little family information. All my data is based upon hard records. Elizabeth's mother was Marian (Mary) Enslow Garretson. She married John Wren Timberlake, who was a much older man, in 1805 in Fredericksburg, Va., having three children by him. I have a copy of the Fredericksburg marriage bond signed by Mary's oldest brother, Isaac and John Timberlake. Isaac was a Navy Purser and also owned a plantation on the North River. Apparently Robert's father and a Timberlake served in the Revolutionary war together. Pension and other data documents this connection. John died sometime after about 1822-23. Mary came to live with Robert's family in Fredericksburg and Elizabeth and Robert married. He was a mattress maker and paid taxes in Fredericksburg until about 1827-28. They then moved but stayed in the Northern Neck of Va. at that point. Mary Enslow Garretson was a daughter of Cornelius Garretson, a master tailor in Baltimore, and Mary Enslow. This couple were married in Philadelphia at St. Michaels and Zion Lutheran Church by Henri (Henry) Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in 1766 and had 5 children. They are noted as previously unmarried in the pastor's marriage book. Cornelius and Mary died in Baltimore. I have some 12 CD's of record data on my family. I have been looking for Robert Dedman information as to burial Cemeteries and especially where Mary Enslow Garretson Timberlake Dedman may be buried. Can you supply me the e-mail address of the Katherine who sent you data on the Dedmans? She mentioned the Duke and Harris families as well. I sure need her e-mail address. This note by Katherine was the complete page 3, in volume 56 of your publication, "The Dedmon Connection" dated January-March 2007. That page was titled, The Brick Wall! I will bet you still have a copy! Thanks, Ted Garretson

*I was not much help but I finally traced down the source of that info, it came from a post on a genealogy site at. <http://genforum.genealogy.com/dedman/messages/276.html>. I also put him in touch with Jackie Dedman, who has researched that particular branch of the Dedman Family...*

*When I sent the proof copies out for volume 88, Ted was one of the first to respond with some updated information which I was glad to receive. As it turned out the information he sent was covered in the email I had already received, but had overlooked, so I sent him the following:*

Ted, thanks for your reply to my email concerning the newsletter. I have made the correction to read as follows.

*"Gertrude's father was George B. Apple and her mother was Tennessee "Ella" Timberlake. There are other connections with the Timberlake family, such as Robert Dedman (Deadman), born in Orange County, VA (abt 1781) and married to Elizabeth Jane Timberlake."*

With your permission, I will include your email response in the next issue along with anything else you wish to send that pertains to this connection. I would love to see more information as I generally will use material that connects close to the family. I often list in-laws even to a second generation. It helps other researchers such as yourself. How long have you lived in Estill Springs? I lived in Coffee County four years (1964-68) and Warren County (1968-72). I still have lots of friends in the area and visit on occasion. Stay in touch. -- Leroy

*In return, Ted sent the following reply:*

Leroy: I have attached a few sample attachments of documentation! Leroy these are just samples. I have a lot more including the 1805 marriage bond for Mary Enslow Garretson and John W. Timberlake! You can do as wished with this data. I welcome dialog with anyone who can add to what I have or have questions. I also have a copy of the 1860 census showing Mary still with Robert Dedman's household. I have lived in Franklin County, Tenn since 1967. I was born in Clinton, Okla. in 1937. My ancestors came to Warren County (McMinnville) in 1842 from Fauquier Co., Va. Some of them stayed in Warren County and some left for Texas after the Civil War. Before Va., it was Baltimore and Philadelphia. I have not yet been able to get backward from 1763 in Baltimore although the most documentable family lore says Swede descent while some other lore in the family points to England. It is possible that both these contentions are correct as this family lore has been very correct when the records have been found to validate same. My DNA y- test, however, indicates likely Dutch ancestry. -- Ted Garretson

Court Record		Court Record Data		Page 1 of 1	
Context			Extract		
Guardian	Robert Dedman, guardian of Jane Timberlake, orphan of John W. Timberlake decd. - 1823				
Locality	Fredericksburg				

## DEDMAN FAMILY DATA:

The marriage of Isaac Garretson's sister, Mary, to John W. Timberlake at Fredericksburg, Va. in 1805 is well documented by their marriage bond signed by Isaac and copies are in other files. John W. Timberlake was an older merchant. They moved from there in 1805 to King George County per Fredericksburg records. The tax duplicate for the city shows that John W. Timberlake paid personal property taxes in only the year of 1805. Isaac served in the Navy with another Timberlake who was also a Purser. It is believed that the two Timberlakes were kin. Mary had three children by John and the court records of Fredericksburg show that in 1823 John Timberlake was deceased and that Robert Dedman, a merchant (mattress maker) of Fredericksburg, had been appointed guardian of Jane Timberlake, an orphan of John W. Timberlake. This is Elizabeth Jane Timberlake, whom he later married. Her name as Elizabeth Jane is confirmed by Fredericksburg marriage records. It is documented that Mary Garretson Timberlake was living with the Robert Dedman family of Fredericksburg in the early 1820's, Dedman having married into the family. The personal property tax (LDS microfilms) duplicate records for the city documents that Robert Dedman paid personal property taxes starting in 1820 and continuing through 1828. Elizabeth Jane Timberlake Dedman was married to Robert Dedman 11 Dec 1823 in Fredericksburg, VA. Later Court records in 1826 show that Robert Dedman also became the Guardian of Mary Enslow Timberlake and John Garrison Timberlake. The given name Enslow directly connects to Isaac's sister and the Cornelius Garretson family. 1850 and later census shows that Mary Timberlake is living with this Dedman family. Elizabeth J. Timberlake Dedman is alive and well in 1860 in the household of her son Samuel L. Dedman in Independence, Jackson Co., MO at the age of 55. Do not know why she is not in the household in Rappahannock Co., VA with her husband Robert Dedman and mother Mary Timberlake. Perhaps just visiting. Also, Fredericksburg court records in 1826 show that an Elizabeth T. Timberlake has been appointed Guardian of James Timberlake, Nitriam Timberlake, and Margaret Timberlake who are orphans of Joseph Timberlake, deceased.

### PHIL. T. DEDMAN, D.D.S.

Phil, a native of Virginia, was born in Washington, Rappahannock County, August 27, 1850; his father, Robert Dedman, also a Virginian, was born in 1781, married Miss Elizabeth Timberlake of Spottsylvania [sic] County. To them were born ten sons and two daughters, of which number Phil. T. is the youngest. Five of this family (*at the time of this writing*), are yet

living: Annie M. (Duke), Wm. D., Samuel L., James O. and Phil. T. The mother died in 1854; the father, Robert, survived until 1870. He was, during the greater part of his life, a merchant of Fredericksburg, Va., from there he removed to Rappahannock and carried on business until the beginning of the war in 1861, when he retired to a farm in Loudoun County near Leesburg, where he remained until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and also of the Masonic fraternity, and held the office of postmaster for many years. His father of Scotch and English extraction. Phil. T. Dedman was reared in the town of Washington, Va. (This above information on Robert Dedman from KY BIOGRAPHIES, Archives of Ky.) ***The 1850 census absolutely proves that this is the Robert Dedman family that Elizabeth Jane Timberlake married into in Fredericksburg, Va. A copy of that census is in the Isaac Garretson file. The T. is believed for Timberlake and Mary Garretson Timberlake is still living with the family in 1850. The census has mistranscriptions on the initials. -- (Ted)***  
 United States Census, 1850 for Mary Timberlake

Name:	Mary Timberlake
Residence:	Rappahannock county, Rappahannock, Virginia
Age:	67 years
Calculated Birth Year:	1783
Birthplace:	Maryland
Gender:	Female
Race (original):	Elizabeth I Dedman
Race (expanded):	James O Dedman
Death Month:	Mary I Dedman
Death Year:	Andrew I Dedman
Film Number:	Anna M Dedman
Digital GS Number:	Philip F Dedman
Image Number:	Mary Timberlake
Line Number:	John W Harris
Dwelling House Number:	William C Harris
Family Number:	Samuel L Dedman
Marital Status:	
Free or Slave:	

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**DEDMAN, Robert &  
Elizabeth J.  
Timberlake; 11 Dec 1823  
(FB) (Taken from the marriage records)**

Court Record Data	
Context	Extract
Guardian	Elizabeth T. Timberlake, guardian of James Timberlake, Nitriam Timberlake & Margaret Timberlake, orphans of Joseph Timberlake decd. - 1826
Guardian	Robert Dedman, guardian of Mary Enslow Timberlake - 1826
Guardian	Robert Dickey, guardian of Ann Slater, orphan of James Slater decd. - 1826
Guardian	Robert Dedman, guardian of John Timberlake, orphan of John W. Timberlake decd. - 1826
Locality	Fredericksburg
Citation	
Record title	[ Guardian bonds ]
Year recorded	1826
Collection	PL-FH-G
Record ID	346-29
End Notes	
Preserved by	City of Fredericksburg
Processed by	Margaret Anne Crickman
Extracted by	Barry L. McGhee
Extracted on	2/11/2004

When ordering a copy of this record please include all of the Administrative Information.

**(Taken from the court records)**

***(Ted sent me several documents and I copied the above information from them. If anyone needs the entire document, I or Ted will give it to you... LD)***

## OBITUARIES

*Some of the obituaries are several years old, but the information is valuable. Also, I do not edit them unless I see an obvious mistake. You can check the published obituaries by clicking on the obituary link from the main menu page.*



### LISA MARIE DEDMON

Lisa Marie Dedmon age 52, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the Kings Mountain Hospice House. (NC) She was born in Cleveland County on February 19, 1962. Lisa was raised by her late

great aunt and uncle Naomi and Bill Lee. She was the Guidance Secretary at Crest High School. Lisa was a loving wife, mother, and daughter-in-law. She loved "all" animals and had a green thumb for gardening. She is preceded in death by her father-in-law Ned Dedmon.

Lisa is survived by her husband Andy Dedmon and one daughter, Victoria Dedmon of home; mother-in-law, Deedie Dedmon; brother-in-law Danny Dedmon; grandmother-in-law Erie Bryant; and aunt Margaret Harry.

The family would like to extend great appreciation to the Guidance Department and school faculty of Crest High School; Dr. Mary Jones for the house visits and care; the staff on 4 East at Cleveland Regional Medical Center especially nurse "Pam" and the staff of Kings Mountain Hospice House. Memorial service will be held at 2:00pm, Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at New Hope Church with Rev. Russ Bradley officiating. Visitation will follow the service in the Hope Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby NC 28150.

### WILLIAM HALEY DEDMOND

William Haley Dedmond, 86, retired textile worker, died at 4 a. m. Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Sams, Myers Mill, NC, after an extended illness. He was born April 27, 1869 in Davie County. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Ellen Todd Dedmond; five sons, J. E. Dedmond of New York, J. R. Dedmond of Gastonia, F. C. Dedmond of Virginia, H. M. Dedmond of St. Petersburg, Fla., T. R. Dedmond of Jacksonville, N. C.; five daughters, Mrs. Earl Samss, Mrs. Floyd Falls, Mrs. H. A. Enloe, and Mrs. Fred McAbee, all of Gastonia, and Mrs. Joe Carroll of Bessemer City; five brothers, Jesse Dedmond of Greensboro, Thomas Dedmond of High Point, and Clinton, Harry, and Marshall Dedmond, all of Salisbury; three sister, Mrs. Josie Ellis and Mrs. Sallie Holshouser of Salisbury, and Mrs. Dora Pennington of Albemarle; 38 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### DONALD GLEN DEDMON

Donald Glen Dedmon passed away in his home Saturday July 21, 2007 in Coldspring, Texas. Don was born April 28, 1930 in National City, California, to Verona "Ronnie" and Glen Dedmon.



Don graduated in 1948 from Chula Vista High school in California. He was discharged as a captain after serving 19 years in the Army National Guard Battalion. He was employed as a purchasing agent before retiring. Don was a member of the Grand Lodge Order of Elks Lodge Mt. Vernon, Washington no. 1604 from 1994-2005, and was an Officer of the Year in 1997-1998. He was currently serving on the board in his neighborhood where he had many friends.

Don is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years Jackye, daughter Cindy and husband Jose Gonzalez of San Diego, California, son Richard "Dick" and wife Patty of Delores, Colorado, daughter Candy and husband Bill Shores of Calvert, Texas, 6 grandchildren: Elena Jarin of Chula Vista, California, Joseph Gonzalez of Chula Vista, California, Jennifer Berardi of San Diego, California, Josh Dedmon of Colorado, Brandon Rodriguez of Calvert, Texas, Beau De Kerguelen of San Antonio, Texas, and 10 great grandchildren.

Don loved living on Lake Livingston with his wife Jackye, dog Rambo, and cat Sparky. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and his loving family.

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## DR. ERIS ARROWOOD DEDMOND

BOONE, NC - Dr. Eris Arrowood Dedmond, age 83, of Howard St., Boone, NC, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at Watauga Medical Center. Born in Rutherford County March 15, 1931, she was a daughter of the late Charlie and Muriel Robbins Arrowood. Dr. Dedmond received her undergraduate degree from Western Carolina University. She obtained her Masters Degree and PhD from Florida State University. Dr. Dedmond taught in the education Department Appalachian State University for a number of years. She is survived by one son, Al Wilson and wife Becky of Monroe, two grandsons, Brian Wilson and wife Tamara of Cary, and Jonathan Wilson of Los Angeles, two great-grandchildren, Alex and Aaron Wilson of Cary and one brother Fred M. Arrowood of Forest City. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Francis B. Dedmond (*DEDMON CONNECTION, Volume 63, page 8*). Memorial services for Dr. Eris Arrowood Dedmond will be conducted Saturday morning, July 12, 2014, at 11 o'clock at Austin & Barnes Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared with the Dedmond family at: [austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com](http://austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com).

## LOU MCLEAN

MIAMI, Fla. — Mrs. Lou Dedmon McLean died Monday, May 20, 2002, in her beloved home in Miami. She was a North Carolina native and a resident of Miami since 1952. She was a high school drama and English teacher for 33 years in Dade County. She taught at Miami Beach and Southwest high schools and helped open Miami Killian High School. She retired from Coral Park High School. Her first love in teaching was the theater and passing on the joy of acting to her students. At the national and international thespian conferences, her students were frequently given "superior" ratings for their performances. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her husband of 50 years, Clyde A. McLean Jr., passed away in 1992. She is survived by her son, Clyde A. McLean III and his wife, Elaine, of Gastonia; daughter, Lou I. McLean of Miami; granddaughters, Cammy, Angela and Melissa Campbell and her husband, Eric; and two great-grandchildren, Christian Augustus and Savannah Elizabeth. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. A graveside service is today at 11 a.m. in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. at Lutz-Austell Funeral Home. Van Orsdel Kendall Drive Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## WANDA DEDMON

(1932 - 2014)



Wanda Dedmon, of Arlington, TX, loving wife, mother and "Mimi" passed away Thursday, December 11, 2014 after a brief illness at a local hospital. Memorial Service: 2 p.m. Saturday Greenwood Arlington Chapel. Visitation: Friday, 6-8 in Greenwood Arlington Chapel. Wanda was born February 18, 1932 in Baytown, Texas to Bertie Andrew Stewart and Eula Cora Hereford Stewart. She grew up in Baytown and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. After having 3 children, Wanda went back to school to graduate with a degree in education from the University of Houston. Wanda married Wayland Eugene Dedmon in August of 1963 and moved to Arlington shortly thereafter. Wanda continued her teaching career and taught a total of 34 years with the majority of them spent teaching 4th grade at Wimbish Elementary School. After retirement, Wanda enjoyed traveling in her campers and motor home, taking cruises with "The Girls" but most of all getting to spend time with her family. Wanda and Wayland were able to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary a year ago and threw a big celebration! Her kindness and compassion for others will be remembered by her endless list of friends. Wanda had a way of making everyone feel like family and she was referred to as "Mimi" by so many. Her smile and laughter would light up the room and all adored her sense of humor. Mimi's spunk was one of her most loved attributes... she was truly young at heart. Her unconditional love was one of her greatest gifts to her family and she has left a void in everyone's heart that will never be replaced. Her parents Bertie and Eula Stewart preceded her in death. Survivors: Left with wonderful memories are her devoted husband of 51 years, Wayland, her 3 children; Stewart (Melissa), Kay (Phil), and Craig (Mary) and her brother Douglas Stewart (Mary). Her grandchildren; Patrick (Jamie), Andrew (Amy), Lauren (Ryan), Hailey, Kylee, Maurissa, JR and Josh. Great grandchildren; Alexander, Camden, Kinsley, Brayden, Cru, Koehler, Mariah, Marley, Dave and Donovan. As well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews and nieces and her beloved dogs, Duchess and Toby.