

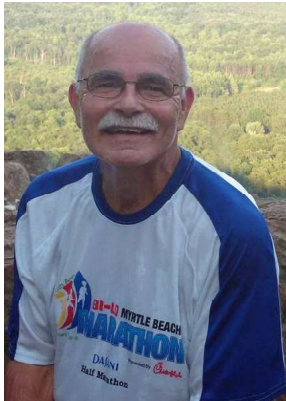
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An online family newsletter dedicated to the Deadman, Deadmon, Deadmond, Dedmond, Dedman, Dedmont and Dedmon families.

# Dedmon < Connection

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## IN MEMORY OF DANNY ALBERT McBEE (1948-2015)



DANNY ALBERT McBEE

Mr. Danny Albert McBee, 67 of Gastonia, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at his home. He was born January 12, 1948 in Gastonia, the youngest of ten children to the late Fred and Dorothy Dedmon McBee.

Danny was a graduate of Hunter Huss High School class of 1966 and has been a lifelong supporter of the school. He served his country in the US Air Force and upon returning home earned his BA degree from Belmont Abbey College class of 1975. He spent a career of 50 years in the grocery business with the majority of that time with Food Lion and Sam's Club. He worshiped at Yorkwood Church of God and South Gastonia Church of God. Danny was a member of the Gaston County Runners, Board Member of Gaston County Family YMCA, and volunteered as a coach for Let Me Run of Gaston County. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who never met a stranger.

Survivors of Mr. McBee include his wife of 46 years, Belinda Thomas McBee; son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Mary McBee; grandchildren, Davis, Landry, and Pearce McBee; siblings, Billie Payne, Larry McBee and wife Maggie, Irene Hardin and husband Ray, Pat McBee and wife Cora, Robert McBee and wife Wanda; sister-in-law, Teresa Graham and husband Perry; numerous nieces and nephews who were all Danny's favorite.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Jack Jenkins, J.B. McBee, Gail Bell, and Buster McBee. The family will receive friends Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia. A funeral service will be held 3:30pm, Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at South Gastonia Church of God with Pastors Bobby Gilley and Sam Barnette officiating. Interment will follow the service at Gaston Memorial Park with military rites performed by the Gaston County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hunter Huss High School Band or HHHS Dawg Pound Improvement Plan, 1518 Edgefield Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052. Condolence messages may be sent online at [www.McLeanFuneral.com](http://www.McLeanFuneral.com). McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the family of Mr. McBee.



LEROY DEDMON

*When news came Sunday afternoon informing me of the death of Danny, I could not believe what I was reading. There has to be a mistake here, it can't be Danny!! I had just read about some of his recent activities on Saturday. I immediately clicked on his Facebook page and was overwhelmed at what I saw. It is true, I have lost a dear friend and cousin.*

*I never was privileged to meet Danny in person, I fully intended to make the trip to North Carolina and he had mentioned coming to Georgia, but it never happened. Nevertheless, I had communicated with him many times via the telephone, email, instant messages and in recent years we stayed in touch through Facebook. He shared unselfishly the information he collected through his many years of researching the family. He was dependable to proof read the newsletters before I publish them on line and offered countless words of encouragement. He was among the first to contact me when I began the Dedmon Family Web Page at [Dedmon.org](http://Dedmon.org). I already miss him.*



*(Danny was the first contributor to the newsletter as this was published in Volume 1 in March, 1998. However, it was not his last as I heard from him many times in the last 17 years. I could always count on him to provided information. -- Leroy)*

### I REMEMBER MOM

by **Danny A. McBee**

I would like to be one of the first contributors to the new Dedmon Connection. I, too, hope that we can stimulate interest in our Dedmon, Dedmond, Deadman, Dedmond family. Thanks to Leroy Dedmon I have recently added two new Dedmon descendants to my database. They were sent to Leroy by Cindy Dedmond Johnson. This is how we preserve our Dedmon ancestry. One person at a time. We have added Cathleen Erin Tierney and Keegan Robert Dedmond to our Dedmon(d) family. I would like to see each of us tell stories of our own families, our parents, and grandparents so we can know more of our ancestors and family. I will start with one of only three letters I ever received from my mother, Dorothy Dorthea Dedmond McBee, while I was in the U. S. Air Force from 1967-1971:

Sept.29.1967 Hi Danney a fue lines to let you no we ar  
oll well Hop you the seam. honey i woked up last night  
at 12 a clock thankin of you. and i prade for you a long  
time. and i felt like you neded a little money so i am  
sendin you some. i did not get to go to town to get the  
stamps you wanted. So you get thim. I love you from  
mother.

This letter shows you a little about my mother Dorothy. She was a very loving, caring, and giving person. She loved her children. This letter touches me each time I read it because I feel the love. As you can see, my mother's spelling was not very good as she only went to the 3rd grade. She was a brilliant woman however. She was a wonderful mother. I miss her each and every day. She was a true Dedmon(d) My last comment is one of thanks to George "Leroy" Dedmon for his web page and all his hard work at getting our family history together on one page. I am willing to contribute any of my information to anyone who would like it. I, in turn, look forward to receiving information via our new Dedmon Connection On-line Newsletter. God Bless you all. -- Danny A. McBee, Dedmond descendant

### DEADMAN CEMETERY

Danny McBee



Our Deadman ancestors came down the Great Wagon Road and headed into the little town of Mocksville, North Carolina. More specifically the community in which they lived was and is still called Jerusalem. The Deadmans were all mostly farmers by trade. This little community of Mocksville was heavily laden with a German population which many of the Deadmans married into. These families included Grubbs, Clicks, and Sniders. The Deadmans stayed in Mocksville until the Revolutionary War when Mark Deadman (Dedmon) had opportunity to travel with the patriots to other counties and states. The Dedmons began another migration which led them to Georgia, Missouri, Arkansas, and California. Our ancestry is not one of greatness or wealth. Our ancestry is one of hard work, travail, patience, and perseverance. I have met many, many Dedmon(d)s and they all have something in common. They are hardworking, loving, and caring people. I, as I am sure you are, am happy to have Deadman ancestry.

Moving on to our Deadman Cemetery in Jerusalem, Davie County, North Carolina. My aunt Millie Dedmond told me how to get there back in 1965. Here are directions in case you ever get up this way. Come to Mocksville, N. C. on Highway 601. Go to the Lakeland Motel, opposite where Deadmon Road begins on Highway 601. Stay on Deadmon Road to dead end, then turn right about a half mile, then left on Cherry Road. The Cemetery is located in a pasture high up on a hill above a creek. I have taken many pictures of the Cemetery and sent them to Leroy to put on his website for other Dedmon(d)s to view. Should anyone want a guide to the cemetery please let me know about a week in advance so I can get off work. I will be glad to help any Deadman researcher in any way. Your fellow Deadman cousin,  
--Danny A. McBee

## Danny McBee, Local Running Legend, Passes at 67



Danny Albert McBee  
January 17, 1948 - April 19, 2015

He left us all too suddenly. Last Thursday evening our local running group, the Gaston County Runners, had our weekly hill work session at Crowders Mountain. Each Thursday during the summer months some of us get together to tackle the steepest climb in our region, but on this rainy Thursday there was only Danny, 69-year-old Jim Owens, and me. We kidded around about the old guys being the only ones who showed up in this dreary weather then headed up the mountain. Danny mentioned that he had already run 11 miles earlier in the day and we weren't surprised since he had been on a recent running binge, running more than 50 miles a week over the preceding several weeks in his training for an upcoming ultra marathon. The three of us split up as we ran up the old gravel service road to the tower. I reached the top of the 1.75 mile climb first and after I got my breath I turned around and headed back down. I saw Jim, who was running with his dog Morgan, and asked him how far back Danny was. He wasn't sure and I told him I'd go meet Danny and we'd meet Jim back at the top of mountain. I met Danny a quarter of a mile from the top and turned around to run with him. He said it seemed like a lot tougher climb since the last time he ran it, but that's not unusual since it's a challenge for all of us, especially the ones who are over 60 years old.

We reached the top and met up with Jim, rested and talked a few minutes, and headed back down. When we reached about the same point where I had met Danny, along came our friend Steve Helms (age 63), who had arrived late for the run and was just getting to that point. Without hesitation we all turned around and headed back up to the top with Steve, even though he said we should just go on down and he'd meet us a little later. That's not the way we do things though, and we were more than happy to head back up.

When we finally reached the bottom of the mountain we decided to commemorate our old-guys-only run with a selfie. Little did we know it would be the last picture we'd take with Danny. On Sunday morning I had several messages from people who had already heard the news. Danny had passed away peacefully as he sat in front of his computer, no doubt typing an encouraging comment to someone or entering more miles into his running log. The news spread quickly and was a shock to all who knew him. There was an outpouring of love like I've never seen before. It's hard for me to imagine how he could have touched so many lives and still run all of those miles, but somehow he managed it.

Danny had retired as a trainer at Sam's Club a couple years previously, but he was so valuable that they lured him back with an offer he couldn't refuse, and of course he was such a people person that he never really wanted to retire anyway. And when work was over, if he wasn't running he was out in the community either organizing, helping, or encouraging people. He organized the Hunter Huss High School reunions, volunteered at races, tirelessly supported Girls on the Run and served as a coach in the boys running program, Let Me Run. He was dubbed "The Mayor of South Gastonia" by Judge Jesse Caldwell, a lifelong friend. Of all of his accomplishments though, it was his one-on-one interaction with everybody he came in contact with that made him a local legend. He had a rare ability to be your best friend right from the get-go. I watched him time after time welcoming new runners to our group, and not only would he welcome them, but he would run with them in training and in races, encouraging them along the way, and he'd continue to be their friend forever.

We went to the visitation for Danny and thought it would be good to get there 15 or 20 minutes before it started at 6:00 p.m. That was a slight miscalculation. The parking lot was already full and it took us an hour and a half to get to the front of the line. Hundreds (or was it thousands?) of folks whose lives were touched by Danny showed up to pay their respects, and people were still streaming in when we left.

But life goes on, the world keeps on turning, and the sun will rise again, although I'm not sure it'll ever be quite as bright in the absence of everybody's best buddy, Danny McBee, who magically turned strangers into friends and made us all feel better about ourselves.

*This was taken from a local publication, [TheOldRunner.com](http://TheOldRunner.com), and is another testimony of a man of great influence with those whom he touched with his life. As I have said many times, although I never met him in person, I feel as if I have known him a lifetime. So long "Cuz", I miss you already. -Leroy*





## I Have Run Every Myrtle Beach Half Marathon

December 5, 2013

Hi my name is Danny & this is my story! I have enjoyed each of my Myrtle Beach 1/2 Marathons. They have all been really great. I am not sure how many people have run all of the Myrtle Beach 1/2 Marathons since they began 17 years ago. I have run all of them including the one that was snowed out. Thanks a million. Danny McBee, Gastonia, N. C.



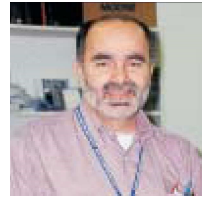
*My racing buddy Danny Albert McBee and me (David Judge) after the Oct. 19, 2013, Myrtle Beach Mini-marathon. This race is my favorite with a beautiful last 5 miles seeing the ocean and finishing at the boardwalk. -D. Judge*

## Girls on the Run dedicates 5K to the late Danny McBee



More than 350 third- through eighth-grade girls, coaches, running buddies, and friends, families and supporters will gather at Lineberger Park in Gastonia on May 9 for the Girls on the Run 2015 Spring 5K presented by Carolinas HealthCare System. While the Girls on the Run 5K will be a joyful celebration of our girls' accomplishments, it will also be a bittersweet celebration of the contribution made to our Girls on the Run council by the late Danny McBee, who died suddenly April 19. The Girls on the Run of Gaston County is dedicating this event to him. "Danny was one of our most loyal and dedicated volunteers," said Boyce. "He was our 'man with a truck.' Whenever we called, he came – to haul T-shirts, water, bananas, merchandise grids. He volunteered with packet pick-up, helped set up the timing system, and did whatever we asked him to do and more. We look forward to recognizing Danny's significant impact on Girls on the Run of Gaston County."

## Gathering Genealogy Information



by Danny McBee

Last Thursday, July 29, 1999, I stopped by to see my aunt Agnes Dedmond Falls. I had taken her by a picture that I had found of my mother, her, her sisters, her sisters-in-law, her aunt, and her mother that I had blown up into a 8 X 10 black and white. Aunt Agnes is 83 years old. She said she had some pictures for me also. She pulled out a really big album of pictures and went through each page and begin to give me priceless pictures of my family and ancestors. She said that she was clearing out Aunt Gussie's (Charlotte Augusta Georgia Dedmond Enloe) home and was giving her pictures away. Aunt Gussie is 91 years old. I haven't visited Gussie in a while but her health must be failing somewhat according to what Aunt Agnes was telling me. Aunt Agnes said she had three more big albums she wanted to go through with me. These are priceless pictures. One was of my sister Billie. Billie will be 70 on her birthday. The picture was of Billie when she was 8 months old. One was of my brother Pat. Pat will be 57 on his birthday. The picture was of Pat when he was six months old. One was of me at age 6. One was of my brother Bobby at age 7. One was of my sister Irene about age 14. One was of my grandfather, his brother Marshall, and two of my mother's brothers. As you can see these pictures are priceless. I was so happy to get them. None of the pictures had names on the backs of them which was sad because someday the people will be unknown. The purpose of my article today is to encourage all of my fellow Dedmon(d) researchers to search for these photos of our family that are just sitting around in a closet or drawer that may be thrown away so we can share them. We have very valuable resources out there to find these pictures, articles, and stories. They are our older ancestors and our older family. They are friends of our ancestors and family. Good luck in all your research and hunting for these priceless stories and pictures. Have a great day to all my Dedmon(d) family.

*Danny was unselfish in sharing his information. He published a book around 1990, "Descendants of John Deadman I: One man's search for family". It is listed at amazon as out of print. There were two other books published, "Dedman--Deadmon family history 1983", by Anna Laura Griffith and "The Dedman genealogy with allied families", 1983 by Wanda Williams Colvin, both are also out of print.*

## I Remember Danny

My sincere condolences to the McBee family . For the few times that I went to Sam's club and could not find a certain item; Danny was kind to lead me to that item . Danny was a super nice person . May God bless you in your time of loss, Hunter Huss Graduate of 1965.

**-Barbara Carpenter Robinson**

I was so saddened to hear of Danny's passing. It seems like yesterday when I would see him at Winn-Dixie stores. Hard to believe that all these years have passed. Please know your family is in our prayers during this difficult time,

**-Henry Branham**

Following many days of grief, memory, research and prayer may we say : This great loss to society is shared by all. May we who remain honor his memory and high standards with new vigor towards greater service to Almighty God & Mankind ! Holding forth his teaching & examples of sterling performance . Then , and only then, can America regain rightful place in world commerce and her citizens enjoy higher living standards. May Almighty God bless all with whom he came in contact and grant us Health, Wealth, Longevity and Wisdom. In closing , with heavy heart, may I say that which I said in recent days before some of America's great leaders as we admired a GM motor vehicle brand that has served us during peace & war, as has Danny. alter ipse amicus (L) a friend is another self,

**-William L. (Bill ) Martin**

Dearest Belinda and Jon, I am so shocked at the loss of Danny. I know that you both must be devastated with your loss. I know how much I will miss our short chats on line, and I can only imagine how much you will miss him. He truly was one of the most caring people I have ever met. We met on the internet when I was trying to learn more about my Thomas (Belinda's cousin) family and discovered that Danny and I are also distant cousins thru my Mother's family. Danny taught me so much about genealogy and shared so very much information with me. I was and am very proud to say that we all are related. The first time I ever spoke with him I developed a great respect for him, and that respect only grew as time went on. He will be missed so very much. I will be praying for your family. From the bottom of my heart, my deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you all.

**-Kathy McBride**

Pat and Cousin Louise, We are keeping your family in prayer that God will comfort your family in this time of sorrow. Danny was special to everyone he came in contact with and will forever be etched in our memories. We love you!

**-Steve and Wendy Brown**

I'm truly going to miss Coach Danny. I always looked at him as my Uncle. I worked with him for years and he was the best manager I ever had. I love you uncle Danny!

**-Latonya Wallace**

I never had the honor of meeting Danny in person, but we communicated by email several times. He was very helpful in helping my daughters Sonya Marie Michael (McBee) and Tiffany Leah McBee learn more about the McBee family when they were researching our family history. I am the eldest son (age 69) of James Lee McBee and Virginia Hall McBee of Bakersville, N.C. I have spoken with my daughters about Danny's passing and we are saddened to lose a good member of our extended family. To Danny's entire family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

**-Roger Lee McBee**

I met Danny at Sam's Club in 1998. He did one of my hiring interviews at the time. He always had a warm smile and a cheerful hello for everyone he encountered. I still work in the same business and I never forget how kindly he treated me and his other co workers, he was a great example and I always try remember that and treat others the same way. My prayers go out to his family and his friends, Danny was a precious soul and know that you will see him again one day. What a joyful reunion that will be! Rest easy Danny, I will see you again.

**-Peanut (Melanie Pullen)**

I will miss my cousin Danny. He did a scholarly job with our Family's historical record, and was a treasure of fascinating familial information. Godspeed Danny, you have earned your rest. Thanks for your loving friendship...

**-William H. 'Bill' Dedmond**

Dear McBee Family, I was very sorry to learn of Danny's death. I knew him as a student at Gaston College and later, and he always impressed me as a very good person. He will be missed by many people in addition to his family members. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**-Nicholas Street**

## *I Remember Danny*

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Danny was my first manager ever at my first job ever; he did my interview and hired me, I worked at Sam's Club for 7 long years (1997-2004), after I finished High School; I had the pleasure of knowing him and working for him. After I left Sam's Club in 2004, Danny and I lost contact, but in 2014 I moved to my new place and my next door neighbor (Jason Christopher) happen to be his great-grandnephew, what small world right??? On April 11th 2015 I was invited to Jason and Casey's wedding, and Danny was there, that was the first time since 2004 that Danny and I had see each other, we both were so happy to see each other that was almost impossible that we had Jason in common, I was so happy to see him again, I was so happy to catch up old times and talk about the Sam's Club associates whom were not longer with us... I just can't believe Danny was going to be next and My heart is broken, I will miss him a lot... I will never going to forget him and I will always be thankful to him for giving me my first job (when I was only 18 yrs old, a girl that just came from Cuba and her English wasn't that fluent) he gave me that opportunity! Thank you Danny I will miss you, I am thankful that I was there at the wedding and had the opportunity to kiss you, hug you and say bye... Farewell my friend... Love,  
**-Kirenia Miranda**

I had the pleasure of running with Danny only once as I trained for my first half marathon. Just from this one meeting, I found Danny to be an absolute Angel! He did not meet a stranger in any of us who were meeting him for the first time that day, and he offered the best running advice. As I ran my first 1/2, Danny's words of advice rang through my head and definitely helped me to finish. I pray that you all will find comfort in knowing that Danny has positively touched the lives of many. He impacted my life in only one meeting, and I look forward to meeting him again someday! May God comfort and keep you all.  
**-Harriet Forney**

My heart goes out to the family and friends of Danny. He will be remembered with a smile as he always had one for everybody he crossed paths with. He will surely be missed but not forgotten.  
**-Rebecca Black**

Bobby, Roy and I are so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. You and Wanda are in our prayers.  
**-Sharon and Roy McElveen**

It is really hard to know what to say at a time like this. The best I can figure out is that there is a big race in Heaven and Danny will be running on a street of gold...Prayers to the family. **-Denise Pilkington Smith**

Belinda , Jon and family, my heart hurts for you. I am having such a hard time believing Danny is no longer here. I can't even imagine how it must be for you. He loved all of you dearly. He was a wonderful man that was loved by everyone he met..he took a piece our hearts with him.. If you ever need anything please give me a call. May God comfort you in the knowledge that Danny is indeed safe with Him. **-Donna Gray Stamey**

I am going to miss seeing Danny, hearing his laughter, and reading his posts. Growing up with him, at Victory School, South Gastonia Church of God, and Hunter Huss High was a great privilege. He was one of the nicest boys and men I have ever known. He was a true Christian in his heart and spirit and showed his love to all. My heart aches for our loss. Although I know, no words alone can comfort anyone, I do offer my sincerest condolences to all of you who love him and pray that God will comfort you in your time of sorrow. I am trying to get down for the funeral, but if I can't make it, please accept my apology and know that my heart, thoughts, and prayers will be there with you.  
**-Pat Matthews**

Danny lived a lifetime to get where he is today. He lived a good life for God and others. He will truly be missed. Prayers being lifted up for those who remain and wait for the reunion to come in the future. Rest In Peace.  
**-Doug Lance**

Belinda, It saddens my heart to learn of Dannels Passing. It always seems impossible when someone of Dannels Nature passes away. He was full of life and Love and compassion and understanding. Life without his beautiful smile and open arms will be missed by many. You were so fortunate to have shared life with this wonderful man. I cannot imagine the pain you are experiencing during this time. I am so sorry and my heart and prayers are with you . **-Karen Reilly**

The nicest guy I ever new. A real inspiration to me. Ran a lot of races with Danny. He will be sorely missed.  
**-Terry Rhyne & James Rhyne**

## *I Remember Danny*

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I am very sorry to hear about Danny. He and I became good friends while working at Sam's Club. I did not know his family but he spoke often of them and was excited about retiring. I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend the service but know that my thoughts are with him and his family. I pray that God will grant the family comfort and peace only as He can during time of grief and pain. Danny was a good man and left many good memories behind for us all to cherish. Use those memories as a source of comfort to help sooth the pain caused by the loss of Danny. I pray that God will speed the healing process due to the loss of a loved one. In Christian Love,  
**-Bill Pearson**

Aunt Belinda, Jon, Aunt Billie, Uncle's Larry, Pat, Robert, I love you all so dearly and my heart aches for your loss. I have so many cherished memories of Uncle Danny and will miss him beyond all words...He was such a beautiful soul and I loved him very much. I ask our most holy Father that His healing embraces enfold you, comfort you, and still your hearts. You will be in my hearts thoughts and prayers during these heart breaking days ahead...Godspeed and Healing Presence be with you all.  
**-Jeffrey Hardin**

I pray God comforts Danny's family in this time of grief. He was a wonderful friend of my dad's and so much fun to work with! I had the pleasure of working for him at Sam's Club many years ago. My prayers are with you.  
**-Donna Williams Taylor**

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Danny. He had such a smile and personality that everyone he met quickly like him. Heaven now has a wonderful new member. Our prayers are with you.  
**-Ritta Mason (Poole) Reep**

Danny, we got the wind knocked out of us with your passing and it's still hard to believe that you have gone home. We had so much for you to do here but I know you are very busy now. We are all praying for your sweet Belinda and Jon and the rest of your family. We will miss you at our dinners, at the reunion and other events. We will miss you being on line posting your wisdom and concern for others. We will miss your friendship. We love you and will be thinking of you and God Bless you.  
**-Audrey Rabb**

Praying for the entire McGee family. Our heart felt condolences being sent. To our Davis family, we are very sorry for your loss. Love, **-Sally and Steve Hewitt**

I was so stunned to learn of Danny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Danny you ran a good race and now your home.  
**-Ralph Costner**

I am so sorry for the McBee family's loss. Prayers for your peace during this trying time??. What little I connected with him through genealogy I liked him & he will be missed.  
**-Tammy (Mellard) Wheeler**

Danny, I will miss our Dedmond family chats on Facebook. God bless your family during this difficult time. Your cousin,  
**-Jason Dedmond**

Danny you were such a great person with a big heart and always kept us smiling! Sams will not be the same without you! Fly high sweet soul. **-Crystal Lackey**

Jon and Mary and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.. so very sorry for your loss.. I'm sorry i never had the privilege to meet him. I have read what a fine and loving person he was, and he will surely be missed.. praying for you and your family.  
Sincerely, **Jeanette Horner**

So sorry to hear this. He was my first boss at Winn-Dixie. He loved everyone and was so enthusiastic and always smiling. I had many good yrs there. Everyone was like a family.  
**-Tricia Jones Foust**

Sorry to hear of Danny's going home. As we can see and read all the post he was well loved by many. Our thoughts are with his wife and children and all his families. Will miss the smile he shared with everyone. Danny you have won the race and now enjoy the beauty and splendor of Heaven. Once a Huskie always a Huskie. Will live in the hearts of many.  
**-Linda Parker**

*There were many more comments, expressing their admiration of Danny. Space does not allow for all of them. His facebook page was still open at the time of this writing. I can only echo the expressions about his life. He was an encouragement to me. His favorite saying was, "We will find all the Dedmons...one at a time?"*

*Danny's mother and father were Fred and Dorothy Dedmond McBee. They are buried in the Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia, Gaston County, NC. Several family members are buried there including three sons: Buster, James and Danny. two daughters-in-law: Clara and Geraldine and one granddaughter: Dortha Jane. Their Daughter Gail Rebecca is buried in Hollywood Cemetery; Gastonia, NC.*



Gastonia - Fred "Daddy Fred" McBee, 83, died Nov. 8, 1990, at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of McDowell County, son of the late William A. and Pricie Sparks McBee and husband of the late Dorothy Dedmond McBee.

He was a retired textile worker and a member of Masonic Lodge 369.

Survivors include seven sons, 31 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. Burial will be in Gaston Memorial Park.

Dorothy (Mama Dot) Dedmond McBee, 81, died Friday at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Rowan County, daughter of the late W. H. and Mary Todd Dedmond, was a housewife and member of Yorkwood Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, three daughters, seven sons, three sisters, three brothers, 33 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Burial: Gaston Memorial Park.

## Buster Lee McBee

(1936-1998)

## Clara Mae Hughes

(1937-2002)

## Gail Rebecca McBee

(1934-1991)

## Robert Nathan Bell

(1931-1979)

**Dorthea Jane McBee Burroughs**, 45, 456 S. Weldon St., died Jan. 2, 2002, at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of James B. McBee and the late Geraldine Chastine McBee.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 11 a.m. Monday, Gaston Memorial Park

VISITATION: At the home of James McBee, 300 Wingate Circle, Gastonia



Geraldine Chastain McBee, 65, died July 26, 2000, at Gaston Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Swain County, daughter to the late George W. and Maude Hooper Chastain, member of Bethany Baptist Church.

Survivors: Husband, James Bruce "J.B." McBee; Son and Daughter-in-law, Bruce and Jennifer McBee, Lowell; daughters, Jane Burroughs, Elizabeth McBee, of the home; Brother, Luther D. Chastain, Augusta, Ga.; Sister, Betty Braswell, Gastonia; Grandchildren, Allison Burroughs, Holden Beach, Jessica Mabee, Lowell.

Preceded in death by: Brothers; Gentry, Warren, Calvin, George, and Ed Chastain; Sisters, Lucy Treadway, Bonnie Roper, Florence Lewis, Mary Elthel Chastain.

GASTONIA - James Bruce McBee Sr., 82, passed away Dec. 28, 2014, at the Robin Johnson House in Dallas.

He was born May 18, 1932, a native of Gaston County, the son of the late Fred and Dorothy McBee.

James was a veteran of the US Army who served during the Korean War and an avid golfer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gearldine Chastain McBee; daughter, Dorothea Jane McBee Burroughs; brothers, Jack Jenkins, Buster McBee, sister, Gail Bell and brother-in-law, Bob Payne.

Arrangements: Greene Funeral Service  
Interment will be in Gaston Memorial Park.