

THE DEDMON CONNECTION

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A Newsletter featuring the families of
Dedmon, Dedman, Deadman, Deadmon, Deadmonds, Dedmonds
And all other related families

“Part Indian and the Other Part Crazy”



I have not talked with many Dedmon family members that did not claim to have some percent of Indian blood. My daddy claimed his grandmother was part Indian, she may have been, but there is no documentation to prove it. My mother said one of the reasons it was hard to prove, is that folk withheld that information from the census workers. It appears our forefathers attempted to disprove, what some of us are trying to prove. There are some financial advantages if you have proof. One being financial aid for a college education. The percentage requirement varies according to the “tribe” you claim. Also, there is still the issue of proof. I have received numerous emails stating there is Indian blood in their families. However, I don’t have a lot of real evidence, although the stories sound very convincing. In this issue of the Connection, I want to look at some of the claims and determine the best we can how true they are.

First, I will begin with myself. Dad said he was always told his grandmother was half Indian. This means either her mother or father was an Indian. The grandmother he talked about was, Mary Wells, the second wife of William D. Dedmon. Her mother was Nazey Dafferon, which sounds like a possibility, but her father was Joel Dafferon and brother was John, However, we do not know who her mother was. This is possible but the fact remains, there is no proof. Mary’s father was Alexander T. Wells and there are Wells listed on some of the Indian Rolls, but it does not seem to be his family. Again it is possible and not proven, even though it is not disproved.

Cousin Tim Dedmon sent me this note a couple of years ago. *“Rebecca wore an Indian coat that had Blackfoot written on its back. My family always thought she was a full bloodied Indian. I was always proud to be part Indian. I almost never wear a jacket in the winter, and when people would ask me where my jacket was, I would tell them I am part Indian and the other part crazy. After finding Rebecca’s family in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee from the Census, and posting it on my Family Tree, one of the McElhaney descendents contacted me and told me Rebecca was not an Indian, and none of her brothers or sisters were Indian. So after being a proud Indian for fifty years, when people ask me where my jacket is now, I tell them I’m just crazy.”* cuz, Tim (Rebecca McElhaney was Tim’s great grandmother)

Here is an email I received several years ago from Larry Gene Dedmon, and have procrastinated follow up. *Larry Gene Dedmon (E-Mail: Doclgd711@aol.com) Location: Northern Idaho. “I am the third son of four boys. My father’s name was Arthur Lee Dedmon, Mother was Ethel Berniece Burns Dedmon. Dad was from the Heavner, Oklahoma area and I think they were married in Ft. Smith Arkansas. I have a lot of info on the Dedmon Family from Cherokee heritage as far back as Chief Seminole in Florida”.*

Arthur Lee was a brother to Carl, the father of Jim Dedmon. Jim was probably the greatest help I received when I first began the research project. Finding this email after so many years has made me realize how many other unfinished projects I have stored away. I was also thinking the other day, I need to share all the unfinished stuff with some young family member, who would be willing to continue the Dedmon.org webpage and the newsletter for the next generation after all, I am aware of the brevity of life. Meanwhile, back at the ranch. I have uncovered more information on the Indian connection, which will be continued on the next couple of pages. **-kemosabe**

Down Memory Lane



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

Now let's back up a couple generations and look at what has probably been proven even though there are still a few unanswered questions. About 1794, Mary Polly Deadman, the daughter of Thomas Charles and Sarah Griffin Deadman, is said to have married Jacob "Crazy" Wolfe. Jacob was of the Cherokee Tribe and the Wolf Clan. Also from the same tribe were Prudence Sarah "Sly Fox" Bryant, married to Richard Cheshire of Bladen County, NC, and had a daughter named Prudence Sarah "Little Fox" Cheshire married to James Singletary of Bladen County, NC. Their daughter, Nancy A. Singletary, married John Lane Dedmon. John was the son of Thomas Charles and Mary Polly Linkhorn Dedmon. Mary's father was John Linkhorn, a full blood Cherokee Indian, of the same Tribe that "Crazy Wolfe" and "Sly Fox" (Prudence Bryan), comes from. Thomas and Mary followed their son, John Lane, in migrating from NC. to GA. in 1846. Thomas Charles was a brother to William Dedmon, the father of William Dedmon, husband of Mary Wells.

While this has family members close to Mary, there is no blood line to her. However, stories from this relationship could have carried over into William and Mary's family, that my father could have been told. At least for now, that is my story and until further proof is presented, I am sticking to it.

Now back to the Wolf Clan. Jacob "Crazy" Wolfe and Mary Polly Deadman had two known children, Jacob and Michael. I don't have anything on Michael except he died in Todd County KY, September 13, 1852. I have a contact, Melanie Malone, who is a descendant of the Wolf Clan and she has done extensive research.

Jacob married Nancy McEntire who was a sister to Josiah (Joseph) A. McEntire. Josiah's daughter, Ellender Nellie McEntire, was the first wife of William D. Dedmon. Another daughter of Josiah, Susanah Rebecca McEntire, married James Thomas Dedmon. James was the son of John Lane Dedmon and Nancy A. Singletary. Remember she was the daughter of Prudence Sarah "Little Fox" Cheshire and James Singletary. This kinda explains why so many claims to Indian Heritage are found among the Dedmon family.

(Here is a letter from Melanie Malone sent in 2003)

Leroy, I hope you are well. I spoke with Virginia Wolf who is the wife of Forest Wolf who is the Grandson of William Cathey Wolf who was the son of Jacob Wolf. Forest Wolf is in a Nursing Home and is not always coherent. I had a conversation with her on the phone today. Her husband contributed a lot of info to a book that Broad River Genealogical Society has for sale in Cleveland County NC. She told me that her husband had pondered many hours as to where Jacob Wolf came from. She said that the people around her husband had the story passed down that Jacob Wolf's parents were killed in South Carolina on a wagon train and that his parents were Indian. He was called black Jacob because he was so dark. Now this throws another kink in the story of Jacob. She also said that her husband never knew that Polly Dedmon was Jacob's mother but wondered why he was in the census with Mark Dedmon as his grandfather. Tell me what you think now. Also she is going to make some copies of pictures of William Cathey Wolf and some more of the Wolf's. This research is getting more and more strange pertaining to Jacob. I'm sending this to Danny also. Hi Danny!! What do you think of this new twist? Take Care, Melanie (Whitewolfe0510@aol.com)

The following information was sent by Larry Martin

Jacob Wolfe was born on NOV 1, 1798. He died on NOV 12, 1865 in Cleveland County, NC. He was buried on NOV 14, 1865 in Beulah Methodist Church, Waco, Cleveland County, NC. Sources of information: On whole family, **"Heritage of Cleveland County Volume 1, 1982"**. He was married to Nancy McEntire (daughter of Aaron McEntire and Ellender Wallis) before 1822. Nancy McEntire was born on JAN 5 1799. She died on JAN 27 1876 in Cleveland County, NC. She was buried on JAN 29 1876 in Beulah Methodist Church, Waco, Cleveland County, NC. Jacob Wolfe and Nancy McEntire had the following children:

- (1)- Ellender Nellie C. Wolfe
- (2)- William "Cathey" Wolfe
- (3)- Casey Wolfe
- (4)- Jarousy Wolfe

There is more on the subject of Jacob Wolf on page 3 of this publication and also in volume 14 of the DEDMON CONNECTION. Whatever the questions may be, I believe it is safe to assume Jacob was Indian. -Leroy

One additional story I heard from Jim Dedmon was that the daughters of Joseph Dedmon (son of Hannah Dedmon), made application for the Cherokee Indian rolls, but was denied. -Leroy

Down Memory Lane



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This is a portion of an article written by Melanie Malone, taken from a genealogy chat site. She was replying to a query about Jacob Wolfe:

The Jacob Wolfe I am talking about married Nancy McEntire Thompson in Dec 1825. They are my 3xgreatgrandparents with Jacob born 1794-98 and Nancy born in 1799. What I have as Jacob's parents were Jacob "Crazy Wolf" b. approx. 1763 and wife Mary Polly Deadmon b. 1759 approx. (She is sister to Richard Mark Dedmon who served in Revolutionary War, who was married to Hannah Bailey, both from Old Rowan County, NC.)

Jacob may have served with Mark in the Revolutionary War. This Jacob, I have found him as being called Jacob "Crazy Fox" Wolf also, being of the Cherokee Tribe and of the Wolf Clan. Also from the same tribe were Prudence Sarah "Sly Fox" Bryant, married to Richard Cheshire of Bladen County, NC, and had a daughter named Prudence Sarah "Little Fox" Cheshire married to James Singletery of Bladen County, NC also. I think this Fox name may be important in unraveling some of the mess of one of the Jacob Wolf's, supposed to be "Cherokee". I have corresponded with a Cheshire that is a descendant of the Richard Cheshire and Prudence "Sly Fox" and she was listed as other on the 1800 census of Bladen County, NC which at times meant Indians were listed as this or Mulatto. I have heard since I was very young that my brothers and I were Cherokee.

There was more information in the article but since it did not pertain directly to our subject at hand, I chose not include it in this newsletter, it can be found on the web by searching Jacob Wolfe. I have not heard from Melanie in quite a while, but I will send her this newsletter, just to be sure there are no changes. She has done more research on this than anyone I know... In the next column are two posts from the internet that I found to be of interest on this subject. I had heard from both, Michele and Sherry in the past.

-Leroy

My name is Michelle Timberlake and I am the Great grand daughter of Edmon Dedmon. I have no Idea of his place of death but He and his wife Sarah Boyd had plenty of children in Gregg County, Texas. One of his children was my grandmother, Ethel Lee Dedmon, who died 5/7/1968 of sugar. I am looking for relatives. I know that I am part Cherokee Indian on the Timberlakes, Shaw, and Carter side of my family and another type of Indian blood on my Hopgood and Mothershed side of my moms side. My question is, "Were the Dedmons American Indian, also and if so, what tribe? I was 2 years old when grandma died so I never got to know her but she had a lot of brothers and sisters in TX, AR, and Ok to my knowledge. If you have any information please let me know.

-Thanks, Michelle

Here is a reply from Sherry Coffel ...

Michelle, I have been trying to find info about my Dedmon family also. I do know that my grandfather Joseph Earl Dedmon was from Oklahoma and did have Indian blood. I am pretty sure his mother was Cherokee and I have heard from a relative he may have been Choctaw. Either way several relatives say that the Dedmons do have Indian blood of some sort. Have you checked out some of the web sites? There's a Dedmon family home page that has interesting reading. Also www.dedmon.org--has more info. Hope you find what you are looking for.

-Sherry

I need to get more information from Michele as I can't find her relatives in my database. The Joseph Earl Dedmon, Sherry mentions is the son of John Harrison Dedmon and Mattie Oazella Duncan, I have been told by others that Mattie was part, if not full blooded, Indian. Her father, Samuel Duncan was morn in Maury County, TN, but her mother, Tabitha Ellen Emma Brasher, was born in Arkansas. According to most family trees, Mattie Duncan was, in fact, born in Indian Territory, AR. I have not found documentation to support this, but I am fairly confident it does exist... An interesting twist to this is that Mattie's father had two sisters who both married Dedmons. Nancy Emma married Morris Harrison Dedmon and here is an interesting name, Laura Princess Duncan, married Mark Rufus Dedmon. I am still searching the Indian rolls and census to see if I can find any of these names.

-Leroy

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.

August 1998 Hello, Leroy Dedmon, I know someone with that same name, except his name is Dedman. I saw your page on the W.W.W. and I thought it was informative. The origin of the name Dedman, I live in the southwestern part of the United States, Arizona. I haven't heard of too many people out here with that last name, and I was wondering if you might have some information about how that name got down here. I understand that it originated somewhere back in Europe, in that area. The reason why I am sending this message is because, I don't know too much of my last name. I'm a Native American, I wonder how at times where my name originated from and how it got here down to the four corners area of the United States. I would appreciate a response about why or how the name Dedman has made it as far as here. As far as I know all of the Dedmans here have spelled their name as D_E_D_M_A_N. I don't really know that much about Miller Sr., he passed away when I was a year old. He was from a small, small place on the Navajo reservation called, Nazlini AZ. If you have a good map you can see where it is. I think he traveled as a young man, went to places, many of us (family) never been. A well liked man to the community and to his traditional values. I hope this helps you, I'll send more information at a later time. Thank You, **Miller Dedman III** (millerthathird@hotmail.com)

I have been researching this information for quite a while and have uncovered enough information to know there are some Native Americans with the name Dedman. I received the above email about the time I began this project and still don't have the answers. I assume he meant by the same name he knows a Leroy Dedman. I have tried to contact Miller several times, by email and face book, but my messages must not be getting through. I never received additional information from him, but found some on Ancestry.com. I used my intelligent powers and expertise of investigation to assume his father was Miller Dedman, Jr. and also found the father of Miller Dedman, Sr. to be Clitas Dedman (b. abt 1879). There are some variations of spelling including, Clitso and Cliton. but for now we will stay with Clitas as it is the one used most often in census records.

So far I have found eleven children and three wives who appear to be connected to Clitas: (wives) - Zonnie, Hadzizbaa', and Ethel Clade. (children) - Julia, Miller, Philip, Robert, Billie, Lillie, Nillie, Pearl, Mary, Hoskie and Joseph) This may not be 100% accurate, but the best way I have found to get corrections is to list something wrong. I found the following article about him:

Dedman, Clitso

He was born around 1879 near Chinle to a woman of the Táchii'nii (Red Forehead) clan, and schooled at Grand Junction Indian School. Then he worked as a carpenter and blacksmith, as a mechanic in Gallup, and a stonemason on the Navajo Reservation. In 1897, by one account, he established the first post at Rough Rock, together with local headmen Tsi aajinii Biláá Úikizhii (Spotted Horse Blackwood Streak Clansman) and the latter's "uncle" (mother's brother?) Biwóógizhii (Gaptooth), trading first from a tent (coffee beans, flour, sugar, salt, and canned goods), then, in 1901, building a small masonry store (Anderson 2000; though the dates seem too early). In 1909, he married Hadzizbaa' of Nazlini south of Chinle, where they took over a local trading post. J.L. Hubbell Sr. of nearby Ganado gave them goods on credit to start with. Dedman was one of the first Navajos to have an automobile, in which he sometimes chauffeured Hubbell. In 1910, Clitso worked on building the Catholic Church in Chinle. In 1915, the Dedmans sold the Nazlini store to Hubbell. Clitso Dedman never had another store, working instead as a builder for the Bilagáana Chinle trader and dude-rancher Cozy McSparron and running a blacksmith shop nearby. From 1940 to his death in 1953 he created noteworthy carved-wood figurines for collectors.

I realize the three wives could be the same woman, just referred to at different times with different names. This is just more questions to be answered. I also found this while searching for information.

A young Navajo girl from Arizona, just graduated from high school, was awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship—a full financial support package for the duration of a doctorate degree.



Virginia Dedman is a Seventh-Day Adventist Christian, who attended the Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Arizona. (The school is owned and operated by the Adventist Church.) Virginia and her mother Sarah are members of the Kinlichee SDA Church in Kinlichee, AZ. They are from the Navajo Reservation in Nazlini, AZ (population under 500).



**Apache County
Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Joseph
Dedman Jr.
"Honored to Serve,
Proud to Protect"**

*I found this information at:
<http://www.co.apache.az.us>*

The best I can tell, Sheriff Joseph Dedman Jr., is the grandson of Clitas Dedman.



Sheriff Joseph Dedman Jr., grew up in the Navajo community of Nazlini, Arizona. Nazlini is about 15 miles north of Ganado in Northeastern part of Arizona. His mother passed away when he was young and he suddenly had to take on added responsibilities. Sheriff Dedman is the third oldest of three sisters and one brother. He fondly remembers riding his pony into Ganado, or driving to the trading post in a wagon with his grandfather who was a medicine man. During the summers they planted corn, took care of horses, attended squaw dances, (I don't know if this is a typo) and all the usual things people do on the reservation.

As a young man, Sheriff Dedman learned the value of hard work and became a caring family member. As a high school student, he managed to earn money which he used to buy clothes or goodies for his siblings.

All that would prepare him for his 27-year career in law enforcement—a career that would often put him among dignitaries such as U.S. President Bill Clinton, U.S. Vice President Albert Gore, U.S. Senator John McCain, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. He supervised their security during their visits to the Navajo Nation.

Dedman began his career as a police communications operator and went onto the police academy where he trained to become a Navajo police officer. He went onto the State of New Mexico to become a certified peace officer. Once he received that certification, he went onto to get certified in Tucson, Arizona. When he received his Arizona certification, he returned to Navajo. For the next two years, he worked for the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and was stationed in Crownpoint, New Mexico patrolling the area.



His next assignment was to the Special Investigation Unit of the Navajo police, an often dangerous assignment. In one incident, he went undercover and worked on a drug sting in Tuba City. "Eventually we caught some people and took them down to Phoenix," he said.

After a tour with the SI unit, he returned to patrol duty in New Mexico for two more years. Then in 1989, he had another assignment: personal security to former Navajo Nation leader Peter MacDonald during the tribal turmoil and eventual riot. He served in that position for three years.

"The riot happened," he said. "But we worked with a special security unit that was hired (to provide extra security). We learned a lot from those people. They were an elite trained team. So while tribal leaders were in a political headlock, Sheriff Dedman was getting invaluable lessons.

At the Internal Affairs Department, Sheriff Dedman supervised a cadre of professionals who watch over a force of 350 police officers. He carries out professional standards and teaches at the training academy in Toyeyi, Arizona. He teaches a supervisor's course, discipline action, civil liabilities, and leadership training for officers in training. He also continues to handle dignitary protection for special guests to the Navajo Nation.

Sheriff Joseph Dedman Jr., is married and has three children, and two grandchildren. He can often be seen riding his 1995 Harley Davidson around Window Rock area.

HOSKIE Y. DEDMAN

CHINLE — Services for **Hoskie Y. Dedman**, 80, will be 10 a.m., Friday, April 3, at Ganado Presbyterian Church, Ganado. The Rev. Roger Davis will officiate. Burial will be family plot, Chinle. Visitation will be 9 a.m., one hour prior to service.

Dedman died March 29, 2009, in Phoenix. He was born May 5, 1928, in Nazlini, into the Black Streak Forest People Clan for the Red Running Into the Water People Clan.

Dedman attended BIA School in Fort Defiance and cook training school for the ministry. He worked for the railroad in Sawmill and did farm work in Colorado. He also did carpentry throughout his life. He helped in law enforcement, education and health care as a interpreter and guide. Dedman served as chapter president, served 15 years on the board of Chinle Valley School. Hobbies included reading books, farming (ranching), horseback riding, watching western movies and sports, story telling, lecturing to youth, helping others, writing journals and drawing.

Survivors include his sons, Calvin Dedman, Glenn Dedman, Dean Dedman Sr., Eugene R. Dedman, Marvin Dedman; daughters, Lydia Toney, Pat Dedman, Bonnie Bedonie, Theresa Chee; sister, Julia Hildreth of Steamboat; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Dedman was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Dedman; brothers, Robert Dedman, Phillip Dedman, Henry Mannie.

Pallbearers will be Dennison Dedman, Raymond Vanwinkle, Justin Chee, Ernest Vanwinkle, Glenn Dedman and Marvin Bedoni.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Dedman family residence, 3.5 miles south of Spider Rock Junction.

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DEATH NOTICES

JOSEPH DEDMAN, SR

NAZLINI — Services for **Joseph Dedman Sr.**, 78, will be 10 a.m., May 1, at Catholic Church, St. Michaels. Burial will be in family plot, Nazlini.

Dedman died April 28, 2009, in Fort Defiance. He was born April 27, 1931, in Nazlini. He attended St. Michaels Mission School.

He worked at and retired from Nazlini BIA School after 27 years. Dedman also served on the Nazlini School Board.

Survivors include his wife, Louise H. Dedman of Nazlini; sons, Joseph Dedman Jr. of Fort Defiance, Bennis J. Dedman of Window Rock; daughters, Josephine Yazzie of Window Rock, Marlene toya of Phoenix, Rita A. Dedman of Phoenix; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Dedman was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Dedman; brothers, Billy Dedman, Hoskie Ray Dedman, Francis Dedman Sr., Miller Dedman Sr., Jimmie Dedman; sisters, Lillie Tracey, Mary Dodge, Pearl Augustine, Molly James.

Pallbearers are Ricky Dedman, Derrick Crow, Joseph Dedman III, Jay R. Dedman, Francis Dedman Jr. and Daniel Reed.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Dedman's residence, Nazlini, following services.

Cope Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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KENNETH C. DEDMAN SR

NAZLINI — Funeral services for **Kenneth C. Dedman Sr.**, 63, will be 10 a.m., Thur., Sept. 24, at St. Michaels Catholic Church. The Rev. Gilbert Schneider will officiate. Burial will be in family plot, Nazlini. Visitation will be 9 a.m., Sept. 24, at St. Michaels Church.

Dedman died Sept. 20, in Flagstaff. He was born Feb. 14, 1946, in Ganado, into the Cliff Dwellers People Clan for the Black Streak of Forest People Clan.

Dedman grew up among a traditional family who taught him to stay closely connected with his parents and siblings. He went to school at Nazlini Boarding School and Chinle Boarding School and later went to school in Riverside, Calif. His ambitions continued in the job force as a forestry worker under NFPI. At age 21, he was given the duties of a foreman for 25 years. Shortly after he was employed with Walgreens as a supply stocker for 5 years in Flagstaff, and later took a job as a security officer with NECA for three years before retiring. Dedman enjoyed being with family and friends and taking the responsibility of making sure families were kept warm and had necessities.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Dedman; sons, Kelbert Dedman of Flagstaff, Kevin Dedman of Nazlini; daughter, Kimberly Dedman of Holbrook; mother, Louise B. Dedman; brothers, Francis Dedman Jr. of Nazlini, Thomas Dedman of Nazlini, Delbert Dedman of Flagstaff; sisters, Marie Tsosie of Nazlini, Elsie Denetso of Flagstaff, Alice Chico of Nazlini, Marlene Dedman of Nazlini; 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Dedman Sr.; brothers, Henry C. Dedman, Henry Gilbert Dedman, Ray C. Dedman; son, Kenneth Dedman Jr.

Pallbearers will be Norman Morgan, Thomas Dedman, Alton Dedman, Francis Dedman Jr., Alonzo Chico, Ronald Tsinaajinii. The family will receive relatives and friends at Louise B. Dedman's Residence, Nazlini.

Find A Grave Memorial# 45312032

DELLA MARIE WOLFE

June 16, 1960 — Feb. 21, 2011

POSTON, Ariz. — Funeral services for Della Marie Wolfe, 50, will be 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 25, at The Potter's House, Chinle. The Rev. Artie Aragon will officiate. Burial will be in Chinle Community Cemetery.

Wolfe died Feb. 21, 2011, in Phoenix. She was born June 6, 1960, in Ganado, into the One Who Walks Around People Clan for the Bitter Water People Clan.

Wolfe graduated from Shiloh Christian High School in Georgia. She received her bachelors degree from University of Arizona, Tucson and masters degree from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff. She was a primary teacher at Chinle Public School, kindergarten teacher at Le Pera Elementary School, Poston.

Survivors include her husband, James Daniel Wolfe of Poston; son, Christopher Morgan of Chinle; daughters, **Charity Dedman** of Chinle, Emerald Morgan of Phoenix; parents, Henry Haven Sr., Marie Haven, both of Cross Canyon; brothers, Henry Haven Jr. of Window Rock, Ronald Haven of Window Rock, Martin Haven of Fort Defiance, Shaun Haven of Chinle, Alfonso Haven of Chinle; sisters, Cecelia Benally of Chinle, Henrietta Haven of Red Mesa, Marietta Nevayaktewa of Farmington, Cheryl Harry of Farmington; two grandchildren.

Wolfe was preceded in death by her grandparents, Tulley and Hazel Cornfields. Pallbearers will be Michael Suarez, Denver Benally, Ryan Nevayaktewa, Derek Benally, Elijah Haven, Merle Yazzie. The family will receive relatives and friends at 6 p.m., tonight, Feb. 24, Chinle Potter's House, Chinle. Tse Bonito Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

(Find A Grave Memorial# 66350219)

SPEC TONY DEDMAN

Spec. 4/c U.S. Army, {RA16815089}, Vietnam War-Spec. Dedman was killed in combat by small arms fire near Hill 72 on 5-17-1966 while serving as an Infantryman {11B2P} with Co. B of the 1st Battalion of the 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Spec. Dedman started his tour of Vietnam on July 23, 1965. He is the son of Mr. Fred & Mrs. Zannie Dedman of Gando, Arizona, and is a 1962 graduate of Lyons Twp H.S. in LaGrange, and he enlisted in Chicago on 1-22-1965. Awards: Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Jump Wings, Vietnam Service Medal with One Service Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal.

(Find A Grave Memorial# 102159880)

NAVAJO, N.M. — Funeral services for Henry Gilbert Dedman, 42, will be at 1 p.m., May 1, at the St. Michaels Catholic Church in St. Michaels, with the Rev. Simon, O.F.M. officiating. Burial will be in the Ganado Community Cemetery in Ganado.

Mr. Dedman died April 27 in Chinle. He was born March 25, 1954, in Ganado, into the Cliff Dwellers People Clan (Tsenijikini Dine'e) for the Black Streak of the Wood People Clan (Tsi'naajinii Dine'e).

He was employed by the Navajo Forest Products Industry as a Timber Faller.

Survivors include his wife, Mary C. Dedman of Fort Defiance; a son,

Terrence Dedman of Fort Defiance; a daughter, Tonia Yazzie of Fort Defiance; mother, Louise B. Dedman; brothers, Kenneth C. Dedman, Sr., and Henry C. Dedman, both of Chinle, Ray C. Dedman, Francis Dedman, Jr., and Thomas Dedman, all of Nazlini and Delbert Dedman of Flagstaff; sisters, Marie Tsosie, Elsie Denetso, Alice Chico and Marlene Tsosie, all of Nazlini; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Dedman was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammie Dedman; father, Francis Dedman, Sr.; and a nephew.

Pallbearers will be Justin Wilson, Sr., Francis Dedman, Jr., Thomas Dedman, Delbert Dedman, Gilbert Denetso and Ronald Tsinnijinnie.

Tse Bonito Mortuary of Tse Bonito has charge of arrangements.

DANA DEDMAN

Eagle Air Med

Dana Dedman, 32, of Chinle, Arizona, was killed in a Line of Duty death on October 4, 2007. He was one of a three-person medical team conducting a patient transport. The plane departed from the Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility to pick up a patient in Alamosa, Colorado. When the air ambulance did not arrive, search was begun and the wreckage was discovered near Charley's Peak, Colorado. There were no survivors. Dana served as a flight paramedic with Eagle Air Med, located in Chinle, Arizona, and had been with the company for more than two years. He also worked as a paramedic with the Chinle Ambulance Service.

This man, a true professional, gave his life in the line of duty while providing much needed medical services to our Navajo people. "We are all in shock, we ask why did this happen," stated a spokesman for the Navajo Nation. "He loved working with the community and he wanted to help people," stated his wife Vangie. "He loved his work as a paramedic; he was a strong man, with a positive attitude, and very nice," she said.

He chose this career because it "called to him." He knew the risk involved each time he stepped on that plane, but he would not change a thing. He died doing what he loved to do, helping others.

ISAAC "IKE" LEE DEDMAN

*Arizona Range News, Willcox, Arizona
December 30, 1938*

"Ike Dedman Dies in Douglas"

Isaac "Ike" Lee Dedman of Pearce, died suddenly Tuesday at 1057 Seventeenth St., Douglas, the home of his stepson, Dan Williams, where he was visiting. Death was reported due to heart affliction. The deceased was past 79 years of age. Ike Lee Dedman was born at Joplin, Missouri, on February 14, 1859. He came to Arizona 30 years ago and for many years was foreman for the Chiricahua Cattle company. He is survived by a brother, William Dedman, of Houston, Texas, and these step-children: Mrs. Mady Rollins, Bisbee; Mrs. Dorothea Cain and Dan Williams, both of Douglas, and Henry W. Williams of El Paso, Texas. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Pearce where the deceased had made his headquarters most of the years he had lived in Arizona. "His nickname was Ike and his middle name is Lee. He married Margaret Fry and they were later divorced. His father was Robert Dedman. His death certificate is listed under "Ike Lee Dedman." He died in Douglas though his residence at the time of death was Pearce."

(Find A Grave Memorial# 18363792)

PHILLIP Y. DEDMAN

NAZLINI, Ariz. – Services for **Phillip Y. Dedman**, 77, will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007 at the Presbyterian Church of Ganado. Pastor Roger Davis will officiate. Burial will follow in the family plot in Nazlini.

Dedman died Aug. 30, 2007 in Flagstaff. He was born April 11, 1930 in Nazlini into the Black Streaked Forest People Clan for the Red Running Into the Water People Clan. Dedman attended Fort Defiance schools and worked with the railroad. He also was a handyman and worked as a farmer for many years growing crops in Nazlini. His hobbies included working around the house and helping people

Survivors include his wife Yeakasbah G. Dedman of Nazlini; sons Johnny H. Yazzie of Nazlini, Johnson H. Yazzie of Phoenix; daughters Lena Pahe, Louise Yazzie, Caroline Yazzie, all of Nazlini, Katherine Curley of Fort Thomas, Ariz., Desbah Doig of Nazlini; brother Hoskie Y. Dedman of Chinle, 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Robert Dedman Jr., of Chinle.

Pallbearers will be Phillip H. Yazzie, Terry H. Yazzie, Kevin Wilson, Terrick Yazzie, Ron Eric Wilson and Terrill Yazzie. Silver Creek Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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ROBERT DEDMAN JR.

CHINLE — Funeral Services for Robert Dedman Jr., 41, will be 10 a.m. Nov. 29 at the Lady of Fatima Church. Father Blaine Grien will officiate. Burial will be in Beautiful valley Family Plot. Viewing will be 9 a.m., one hour prior to service.

Dedman Jr. was born Sept. 4, 1966 in Fort Defiance into the Towering House People Clan for the Mexican People Clan. He graduated in 1984 from Chinle High School. Hobbies included arts and crafts work, softball, carpenter work and painter.

Survivors include daughter, Rachelle Tsosy; father, Rober Dedman Sr.; brothers, Carlson Ayze, Delbert Ayze, Oscar Dedman, Roy Dedman; sisters, Lorene Dedman, Roberta Brown, Rebecca Dedman.

Dedman Jr. was preceded in death by mother, Alice K. Dedman, grandparents, Earl and Pauline Ayze; brother, Leroy Dedman; uncle William K. Yazzie; grandparents, Hoskie and Agres Dedman.

Pallbearers will be Nathaniel Bia, Lennie Begay, Carlson Ayze, Travis Pahe, Aaron Pahe, Anthony Pahe.

Tse Bonito Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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