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TERESA CHARLENE DEDMON GUERRERO

Teresa Charlene Dedmon was born on August 24, 1970 in Walker County, GA and died on November 25, 2015 in Catoosa County, GA at the age of 45 years and 3 months and 1 day. She is survived by her husband, Sean Guerrero, her parents, Thomas Gordon and Ida Diane Sparkman Dedmon, a brother, Anthony Gerald (Tony) Dedmon and sister, Jennifer Diane Dedmon, brother in law, David Grant and nephew, Gavin Grant. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Robert Henry Sparkman, and Ruby Mae Childers Sparkman, and her paternal grandparents Gordon Lee and Ruby Viola Dickson Dedmon.

Teresa was the maternal great granddaughter of George R. and Lou Mandy Mayes Sparkman, Benjamin Franklin and Ida Lillian Treglown Childers, and Charlie Reed. Her paternal great grandparents were, Thomas Judson and Alice Walker Dedmon, George Hickman and Pearl Templeton Dickson, and Olan Vess. She is survived by a host of Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.



She attended Osburn Elementary School and graduated from Rossville High School in Rossville, GA. She received her BA degree and teaching certificate from the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA. She studied at UMUC University, an accredited state university in Maryland, which offers online learning. She was a member of Indian Springs Baptist Church in Bryant Arkansas and an employee of Arkansas Department of Health.

After graduation from college she spent several years overseas, visiting several countries, most of the time in Germany. She married Sean Guerrero on October 21, 2006 and resided in Alexander, AR. She was visiting her parents in Ringgold, GA at the time of her death. A memorial service was held at the Wilson Funeral Home in Ringgold, GA on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 12 noon. Her uncle, Leroy Dedmon officiated.



When my daughter, Gwen, came to my house on the morning of November 25, 2015 to inform me of Teresa's passing, I could hardly believe my ears. We were not together much during her 45 years, but a couple of things came to mind. When she graduated from college, she stayed with us while she did her student teaching. Also, shortly after I moved to Ringgold, GA, I was having some medical problems and she drove Jane and myself to the emergency room. She stayed with Jane until my sister, Carolyn and her husband, Claude arrived to spend the remaining portion of my stay.

We were friends on Facebook and conversed on occasion. She suspended her account around June of this year and I had not heard from her. Around 8 pm on November 24, 2015, I received a Facebook notification she changed her cover and profile pictures. There were several "welcome back" and "missed you messages", she replied to a couple of them. I did not comment, but intended to send her a message Wednesday morning... instead I received Gwen's. We made the two hour trip to Ringgold to be with my brother and family that afternoon. I was honored to be asked to speak at her memorial service, it was not an easy task, but I managed. I have dedicated the first three pages of this issue in her memory...

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!!!!



Following the passing of Teresa several messages were posted on her Facebook page. I have included them here as they were taken from public domain.

The earth lost an amazing kind, loving women. You helped take care of me during my pregnancy and watched my children. Hugs my friend. -*Ericka Balken*

Sweet Teresa rest in peace. Such a beauty inside and out. My time spent working with you in Germany was beyond wonderful. Your laughter was infectious and your kindness was overflowing. To her family and friends I am deeply saddened for your loss.

-*Nakia Jaudon Bryant*

My dear sweet friend . You went to soon. I miss your sweet smile and fun and loving spirit. I just can't believe your gone. I'm at a loss for words. You where always there for me. I will miss you always and forever!

-*Amy Williams Bowen*

I miss you so much my dear friend! I can't believe you're gone. — feeling heartbroken. -*Benna Underwood*

I will forever remember your sweet smile and beautiful face. You were very dear to me and I will miss you always. Love you so much. Rest in peace beautiful lady.

-*Kassidy McCool*

You will always have a place in my heart and never forgotten. I will remember all the great times and your incredible laughter. Rest now and know you will be greatly missed.

-*Linda Reeves*

I can't believe this is happening I'm so very sad lost for words.....

-*Larry Hurley*

Oh Teresa, no! You are not gone because you gave of yourself and will stay in people's hearts. You helped me get through some very difficult times just by listening. The most calm and loving spirit; that is you. Sending love to you and yours.

-*Edith Wegner*

Rest in peace, sweet girl. -*Sally Sherbut Schaffer*

I will always love and miss you, my very dear friend. — feeling broken.

-*Teresa Turner*

I miss you so much, I just can't wrap my head around all this. You will be missed by so many. I still remember the first time I met you so many years ago at your yard sale. You were the best neighbor around. And we're always there for Kas and I. Love you dearly.

-*Kaiti Nichole McCool*

My heart hurts for you. I can't believe you are gone. I am going to miss your beautiful smile that lit up the room. Rest easy my friend. I'm going to miss you.

-*Wahkelia Renee' Westbrooks*

I am so saddened to hear about your passing. Though we only went to dinner a few times and did financial peace together, I vividly remember your sweet spirit. Rest in peace Teresa. Prayers for Sean Guerrero and your family. You will be missed.

-*Vanessa Lorraine Roberts*

My heart is broken and I cannot wrap my head around the fact that you are gone. Rest well precious lady. Love you always. — feeling lost.

-*Carrie Anne*

Going to miss your beautiful smile may you rest in peace sweet friend.

-*Katherine King*

I was so happy to see you back on Facebook. You looked so beautiful. I will always remember New Years Eve when you and Teresa Turner kidnapped me. I don't know what to say. My heart hurts so much right now. I'll miss you sweet friend!! — feeling heartbroken.

-*Carol Riedy*

Many hearts have a deep hole tonight. May our lovely Teresa Teresa Guerrero find the peace that alluded her for so long.

-*Susan Handford*

This was so terrible to learn tonight. I love how STRONG the WIC blood flows near and far. May we all find comfort and sunshine through this dark time.

-*Tyler Roy*

She was a beautiful person Jennifer, so sad to hear of your loss this morning!

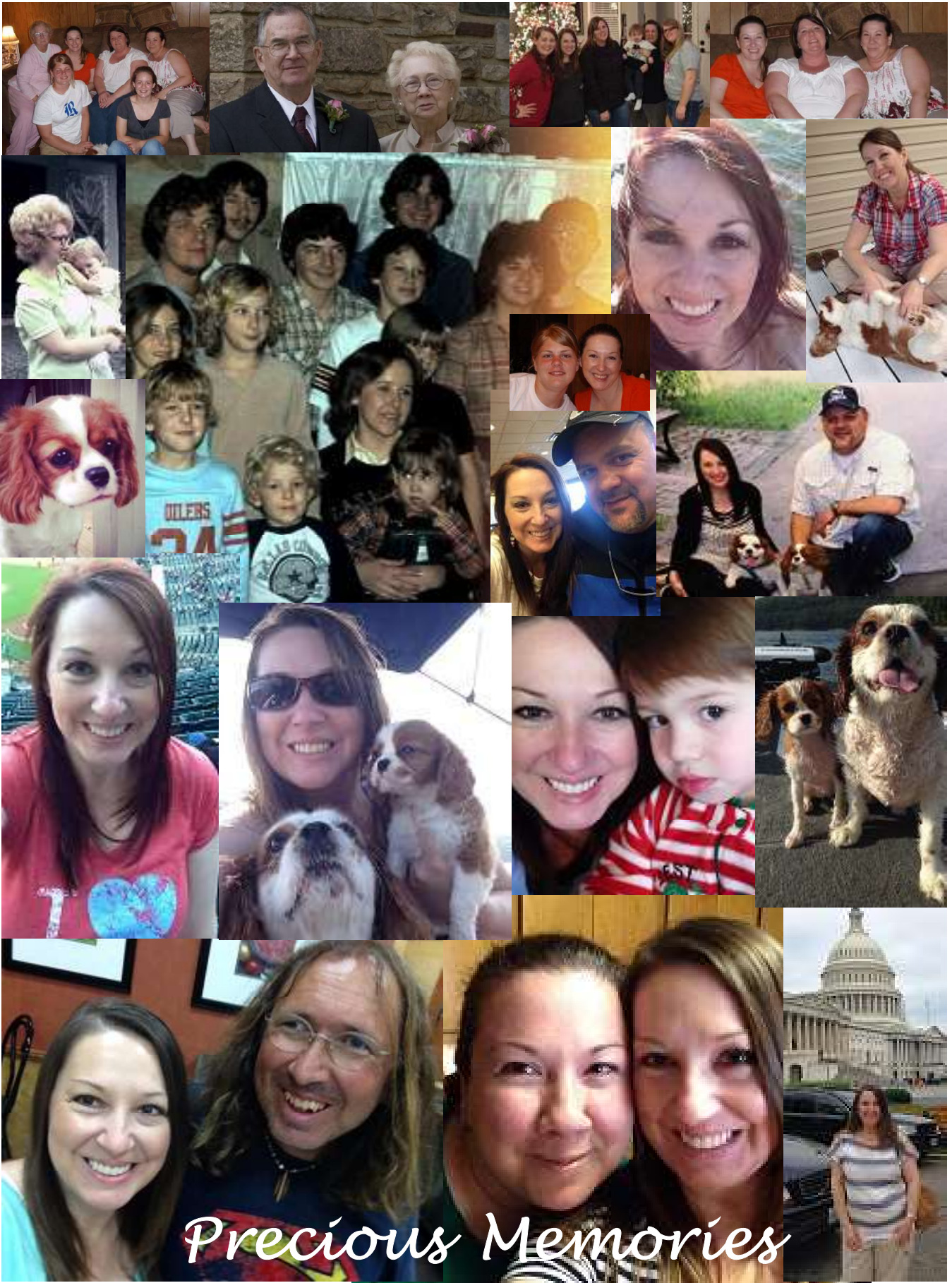
-*Jill Caylor Lowery*

So sad to learn of your passing. Rest in eternal peace.

-*Susan Handford*

I miss you so very much I just can't accept you are gone... and I just wanted to say I love you — feeling heartbroken.

-*Haley Davis*



Precious Memories

NEWS



(Left to Right) Gaston College President, Dr. Patricia Skinner, Paula Dedmon, Faculty Emeritus and Dr. Don Ammons, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Gaston College has bestowed the title of Faculty Emeritus on Paula Dedmon, who retired in May 2014 after 25 years at the College.

Dedmon joined Gaston College in December 1989 as a biology instructor in the Division of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Melissa Armstrong, Chair of the Science and Math Department, considers Dedmon to have been a hidden treasure at the college.

“She is a quiet person by nature,” says Armstrong, “but she left a huge mark on the students and faculty of the science and math department.”

The “brain trust” of the Science and Math Department, Dedmon could always be relied upon to have notes and files on any topic that would arise. Her extensive collection of animals harvested from roadways around the area was studied in her biology classes and earned her the nickname of the “road kill queen.”

Dedmon served multiple terms on the Gaston College Faculty Senate and was the group’s historian and also served on several hiring committees. She initiated and coordinated the “Gray Matter Awards” to honor the top performing student in each biology class each term. In April 2015 she returned to campus to assist with the annual Gaston College sciVisit, which introduces high school students from Gaston and Lincoln to the various STEM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medical) educational and career paths offered by Gaston College.

She is the 35th retired faculty member to be honored as Gaston College Faculty Emeritus. This title is offered to retiring members of the faculty who have completed at least 15 years of full-time service. Those who hold the designation receive continued use of the College library, parking, privileges, and college publications, and are included in campus events such as graduation. They also are recognized with an appropriate award.



VIETNAM VETERAN REUNITED WITH MISSING SERVICE DOG

MURFREESBORO, TN (WSMV) - Friday was another hot day in Murfreesboro, but that didn’t stop Guy Dedmon, a Vietnam veteran, and his grandsons from searching for his service dog, Mynerva.

“I left Vietnam to go to a hospital because I stepped on a landmine,” Dedmon said. “I suffer PTSD and major depression and major anxiety. Mynerva helps me cope with that. “When I’m having a flashback or an episode, she knows it. She comes to me,” Dedmon added. “She just distracts me from what’s going on.”

Tuesday, Dedmon said he was inside the Veterans Affairs hospital in Murfreesboro when Mynerva, who was waiting in the car with his wife, jumped out and ran away. “My wife is the only other person in my life more important than Mynerva,” Dedmon said.

Dedmon took to Facebook, pleading for someone to help find his service dog. The post was shared more than 3,000 times.

Friday morning, Dedmon received a message from someone who thought they had seen Mynerva around a field on Memorial Boulevard. Dedmon and his grandsons struggled to find the small dog in the large field of grass. As they were just about ready to give up for the day, everything changed.

“We found Mynerva!” Dedmon said. “So help me, I will never say another bad thing about Facebook, ever, ever ever.” Dedmon had been reunited with his beloved service dog. He said he was overwhelmed by the help of his three grandsons and the 3,000 people pulling for the reunion.

“Short of the days my children and grandchildren were born, this is the next best day,” he said. “You don’t know how much that means to me that the community got behind me and helped me find Mynerva. And if I don’t stop talking like this, I’m going to cry.

“Thank God,” he said, “Thank God for all your blessings.”



To: leroydedmon@gmail.com

From the mail



From: Joe Akin <joeakin1932@gmail.com>

Had heard we were some kin to Dedmon and nearly every family in Ringgold. I stumbled on your geology work and learned Grandma Williams was a McEntire. My Grandmother Dora is standing behind her mother

Emma Elizabeth MCENTIRE, daughter of Josiah (Joseph) A. MCENTIRE and Martha J. HORDE, was born 08 April 1857 in Catoosa County, GA. Josiah McEntire is interesting. He had a Daughter 14 when he married Martha age 14.

Cousin sent this; Information from my Grandfather Hugh Williams was, Emma's parents were named Thomas McEntire and Eula Deed. Your cousin, Barbara, had the same information. I assume Eula is a nickname for Beulah, and Deed might be derived from the surname Dedmon. I have not been able to make sense of it with the printed McEntire history in the Catoosa Co. history book. Information from the census records tell me there were several girls about the same age in Walker Co. area named Emily Elizabeth or Emma Elizabeth McEntire. I wish I lived closer so I could look at obits, marriage announcements, etc. on microfilm in the local library, and get a copy of Emma's death certificate.

I'm more interested in how McEntire got to western NC and why they chose to live such a hard life. I go back to King James giving a charter to Sir William Harris to establish a colony in Virginia. They brought young able bodied prisoners to work in the rice fields. Were they slaves? I want repatriation.

I replied to Joe

Joe somehow i missed your email and in the process of deleting old messages saw it... will certainly get back to you asap... --Leroy

I apologize to Joe for being so long in working on his inquiry and I certainly understand his frustration. I am quite sure one of the motives all of us have is to find our rightful place in the family tree. That is very often difficult to do. He is right about the confusion of this.

He mentioned one of the problems in that there were several girls about the same age with same or similar names. Add to that the fact of a second Josiah McEntire and you can begin to understand the difficulty. Also, keep in mind the various ways the surname was spelled.

I have received quit a bit of research on this part of the family and not all of it agrees. I tend to go by the birth and death records when they are available, but even then it is no guarantee that we have everything right.

This is the information at FindAgrave.com, memorial #52090354 in the McIntyre Cemetery at Rock Springs, Walker County, GA. *"Josiah A. McEntire was the son of Aaron G. McIntire and Elender Wallis/Wallace. It is believed he was born about 1802 in North Carolina and may have died in Walker County, Georgia. He was married first to Louvenia Proctor on 18 Jun 1818 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. She died about 1838 in Rutherford Co., North Carolina. They had six children (maybe others); Anna McEntire-Dedmon, Burgess McEntire, Thomas A. McEntire, Ellender Nellie McEntire-Dedmon, Alonzo H. McEntire, and Joseph A. McEntire. He married 2nd, Martha J. Horde on 7 Feb 1839 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. They had nine children; Susannah Rebecca McEntire-Dedmon, Mariah J. McEntire-Bird, Pantheria Catherine McEntire-Smith, Martha P. McEntire, Harriet H. McEntire-Edge-Payne, Laura Analine McEntire-Black, Missouri A. McEntire, Emily Elizabeth McEntire, Jefferson Davis McEntire."* Other than family lore, it is not certain he is buried at the McEntire Cemetery as no marker has been found.

Josiah's daughter, Ellender Nellie McEntire, by his first wife, was 14 when he married Martha Horde in 1839, he was almost 60 and Martha was 19. Josiah's daughter by Martha Horde, Emma Elizabeth, married Thomas Anderson Williams, Jr and they are buried in the Woodstation Cemetery. Their daughter, Dora, married Columbus Madison (Lum) Smith in 1906 and they are buried in the Nathan Anderson Historic Cemetery; Ringgold, Catoosa County, GA. Their daughter, Gladys Aline Smith, married Robert Herman Akin, whom I assume are Joe's parents.

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There was another Emma McIntyre, born in aft. 1850 to Thomas A. and Margaret Cooper McEntire, my records show she died as a child on May 4, 1864. In fact several of their children died in childhood with the measles. I could not find a Thomas McEntire married to a Beulah or Eula, nor could I find the surname Deed. This certainly does not mean they are not in existence. However, I did find the daughter of Emma McEntire and Thomas Williams, Dora, had a sister named Eula. Her full name was Beulah Lenora "Eula" Williams. She married first, Birl Gilreath and second, a Reece. I don't know his first name.

As to the other questions asked by Joe, I really do not know. I have corresponded with several McEntire researchers and have received tons of information. However, it is all packed away in storage waiting on us to "complete" our move. Give me a break, it has only been two years!!! I really do intend to upack soon.

I do have a little bit of info available as to their being in North Carolina. Josiah (Joseph) A. McEntire (McIntire) was born in 1798 in Rutherford County, NC. His parents were Aaron and Ellender "Nelly" Wallis McEntire. I don't have anything on his parents except what I can find at Ancestry.com. I hesitate to use this as "proof" due to several conflicts. Some reports say Aaron was born in Rutherford County, NC and others list Mecklenburg County, NC. Also Aaron's father is generally listed as Alexander, Sr. Although some sites say Alexander Jr. was his father and not his brother.

I am not certain, but I believe the ancestors of the McEntire family came from Scotland and there is nothing to indicate they were slaves. In fact there is probably more reason to believe they "owned" slaves. Among the variation of spelling the surname is: McIntire, McIntyre, MacIntyre, etc etc.

The McEntire and Dedmon families are related through several connections. Josiah's daughter, Ellender Nellie, married William D. Dedmon, my great grandfather, his daughter Anna, married Jesse D. Dedmon and his daughter, Susanah, married James Thomas Dedmon. Also, the McEntire and Dedmons are related to some of the same families such as the William, Black, Dickson, Capehart, and Templeton families. As Joe said, "*We are related to just about everyone in Ringgold*".

There are several researchers who are in possession of proved documents and some have been sent to me. I am hoping one of them will see this newsletter and give us the correct information.



FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

ABOUT DAISY FOUNDATION

In late 1999, at the age of 33, Patrick Barnes awoke with some blood blisters in his mouth. Having survived Hodgkins Disease twice, he was admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with the auto-immune disease, ITP (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura). Just days after he died, his wife, Tena, came up with the acronym, DAISY, standing for diseases attacking the immune system. The DAISY Award was created to honor extraordinary Nurses and piloted the program at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance whose nurses cared for Patrick during the last weeks of his life. Here is one that caught my attention:

Shelley Dedmon, RN, Neurosurgery,
Doctors Medical Center of Modesto,
Modesto, California

This was written by one of her patients.



Shelley is phenomenal, we couldn't have done this without her. It's hard to put into words how much Shelley has helped me through my spine surgery and recovery. I developed a CSF leak. At my lowest point, she would comfort me and reassure me that I was here at the best hospital with the highest quality staff. Shelley was always polite/respectful as she held my hand through a lumbar puncture, the most painful thing I've ever had done. She offers kind words of encouragement and at my lowest points, she would tell me I'm strong, the doctor is the best! I've been here 2 weeks and counting. I've wanted to leave because my pain and anxiety get overwhelming. Then here she comes with that smiling face and I just seem to feel at ease again. She has a way of making me feel better. My husband hates hospitals, although Shelley has made me comfortable about my long stay she has helped my husband overcome his fears as well. She is always so positive even on my lowest days and I have had plenty. I just want you all to know you have a diamond here. I just adore her positivity.

**OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S
GAIN**

DEATH NOTICES

KATHLEEN HOLLAND

Many of you may be aware we recently lost our ninth great grandchild. Kynden LeBron Dedmon was stillborn prematurely at six months. We grieve the loss, but we can look forward with great anticipation to seeing him in eternity. I am reminded of King David's statement in the loss of his infant son in 2 Samuel 12:23 "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." To the Christian there is no doubt in an infant's eternal abode. Jesus said in Matthew 19:14 "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." I know Greg and Courtney are heart-broken and we all hurt for them and give them our deepest sympathy.



Greg and Courtney

Obituary for Kynden LeBron Dedmon

Springfield TN - Kynden LeBron Dedmon, infant son of **Gregory Dedmon** and Courtney Danielle Benton of Springfield, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at NorthCrest Medical Center. A graveside service will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 12 Noon at the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Brother Marvin Crouch officiating. There will be no visitation prior to the graveside service.

In addition to his parents Baby Kynden is survived by his grandparents, **Gary and Diane Dedmon** and Tony and Rita King, all of Springfield; great-grandparents, **Leroy and Jane Dedmon of Buchanan**, GA and Mrs. Faye Toothman of Springfield; and many loving family members and friends.

For those who may be interested here are the eight children we claim for great grandchildren. **Cassidy Webb, Masie Webb, Curt Webb, Makayla Webb, Brady Dedmon, Carson Dedmon, Devon Kiley and Bela Kiley**. Some of these fall into the category of "step", but they all call me granddaddy. The only granddaddy I really knew was mother's step father. But growing up we didn't know the meaning of "step" and he treated us all the same. My mother's step sister's children are my cousins....
-Leroy

Kathleen

Dedman Holland, age 81, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died January 19, 2015. Mrs. Holland was a member of Holland, Fellowship Baptist Church. She was the daughter of the late, Sidney Roy Dedman, Sr. and Lula May Andrews Dedman. Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by her husbands, James Byron "Bye" Graves and George W. "Buck" Holland. She was also preceded in death by her daughters, Diana (Winston) Dyer and Renee Guy; grandsons, Winston W. "Trey" Dyer and Cody Dyer; siblings, Roy Dedman and Ruby Brewington. She is survived by: Children – Scott Holland, Kathy (Ronnie) ZPulley and Pam (Kevin) Smith, Step-children – Tommy and Debbie. Brothers – Houston (Katherine) Dedman and Wayne (Ann) Dedman, Sisters – Estelle Chaffin, Frances Bradshaw, Beatrice Hallum, Delores (James) Binion and twin sister, Christine Adams. Grandchildren – Kirk (Beth) Pulley, Keith (Angie) Pulley, Kevin Pulley, Chris Guy, Josh (Natascha) Smith, Jeremy Smith and Kara Holland. Step-grandchildren -Indira Woods and Marie Hanie. Great-grandchildren – Alex Pulley, Kyle Pulley, Levi Pulley, Seth Pulley, Olivia Guy, Makenna Guy, Paisleigh Guy, Byron Guy, Breanna Smith and Keanan Smith Several nieces and nephews



Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Keith Pulley, Mike Vaughn and Fred Vantrease officiating. Interment will follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN

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DIANA (GRAVES) DYER

Diana (Graves) Dyer was born in 1956, the daughter of James Byron "Bye" Graves and Kathleen (Dedman) (Graves) Holland (ca 1833-2015). She was married to Winston W Dyer Jr. Diana was employed by Vanity Fair for 23 years. She was 57 years old and a resident of Mount Juliet, Tennessee when she passed away on August 13, 2013. She was preceded in death by her father, her husband and by her sons Winston W "Trey" Dyer and Cody Dyer, while survivors include her mother; four siblings; and several nieces and nephews. Burial is to be in Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

ETHEL PARKER DEDMON



Ethel Parker Dedmon, age 92, of Harris, NC, died Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Morganton Long Term Care Center.

She was born April 26, 1923 in Cleveland County to the late Joseph Tessenaar and Olan Philbeck Tessenaar and was employed at the Western Carolina Center in Morganton for twenty-six years. She also owned and operated the E & E Little Village Trailer Park with her husband, Esper, for many years. She enjoyed cattle farming, vegetable and flower gardening. Ethel was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Miles Randall and a second husband of forty-two years, John Esper Dedmon; also by an infant daughter, Margaret Randall.

Survivors include one daughter, Dessie Fite of Morganton; four grandchildren, Tommie Fite and wife, Anna, Andy Fite and wife, Juanita, Kristen Fite, Virginia "Ginny" Dedmon Clarke and husband, Ray all of Morganton. She is also survived by a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Harrelson Funeral Chapel with Reverend Danny Castle officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Grove United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Find A Grave Memorial# 154564117

DEATH NOTICES

ESTELLE CHAFFIN

Estelle Chaffin passed away on May 6, 2015 at age 93. The family will be receiving friends on Friday from 3-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service. The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Doy Holman, is 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015, will be followed by interment in Wilson County Memorial. Her Grandsons will serve as Pallbearers. The family extends a special thank you to Summit Medical Center, Faye Aldridge, Quality Care, Gentiva Hospice, and Marcy Hodges.

Mrs. Chaffin is survived by her children: Winton (Betty) Chaffin, Joyce (James) Fleming, Annette (Doug) Simms, and Jannette (Gil) Rains; her sisters: Frances Bradshaw, Houston Dedman, Beatrice Hallums, Christine Adams, Delores Binion, and Wayne Dedman; grandchildren: Jeffrey Chaffin, John Davis Chaffin, Jimmy Fleming, Tammy Fleming, Mark Fleming, Kim Hayes, Kevin Sims, Julie Penny, Brian Worrell, and Amanda Worrell; 19 great-grandchildren; numerous great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Davis Chaffin, parents Sidney and Lula May Dedman, brother Sidney Roy Dedman, Jr., and sisters Ruby Brewington and Kathleen Holland. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN

W.T. ELLIS

CHERRYVILLE – William Theodore "W.T." Ellis, 91, of Ben Carpenter Rd., died Friday, Oct. 2, 2015, at Carolinas Healthcare System – Cleveland. He was born on Feb. 20, 1924, in Cleveland County, to the late Jacob Franklin and Louvenia Dedmon Ellis. W.T. was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, was retired from Dora Mills and was the owner of Ellis Wrecker Service. He was a former Deputy Sherriff for Gaston County and had been involved with the Waco V.F.D. He was also a former deacon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. W.T. enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Sally Edna Mull Ellis; son, Harold Ellis; grandson, Wesley Ellis; brothers, James and J.D. Ellis; and sister, Frankie Jean Ellis Gay. Survivors include his children and their spouses, Peggy and David Taylor of Oak Island, David and Barbara Ellis of Cherryville, Joyce White of Cherryville and Shirley and George Walls of Waco; eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 at Carpenter's Funeral & Cremation Services. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with Pastor Michael Austin officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr. Shelby, NC 28150 or St. Paul's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 544 Waco, NC 28169.