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LEROY DEDMON

SPRING FORWARD.... FALL BACK...

....OR IS IT FALL FORWARD AND JUMP BACK??

Oh well, all I know is we get the hour back we lost last April. It has been about forty years since the government decided we needed to change our clocks twice a year. I guess I am used to it by now, but I still don't really like it. Sometimes I feel like the fella who said, "This extra hour of sunshine a day is not good for my tomatoes." It kinda reminds me of an old sermon I heard years ago (guess if I heard it years ago it would be old)... anyway the preacher called the sermon, "The Bed's Too Short and the Cover Is Too Narrow", or something like that...

Anyway no matter what the poor fella did, whether it was turning the cover or the bed he couldn't make it work. I think he ended up cutting a foot off one end of the blanket and sewed it on the other end. That's how I feel about changing my clock... However, I guess some folk need that kind of instruction from the government to figure out how to go to work an hour earlier or get home an hour later.....

One thing I noticed through the years is that in the Spring when we move forward the Sunday School attendance was always the lowest of the year. Of course, in the Fall, when we moved back it was the highest..... This may not be true everywhere, but check it out, you may be surprised. Also, I am amazed at the folks that always "forget" to change the clock. I wonder if we did that at 2 am on Monday morning instead of Sunday, would the same effect take place with the work place???? Then too, why don't we do it on Saturday am when most folks can sleep late?

Last month I wrote about our experience with the first TV at our home and our Uncle Ralph. Well, my sister Ruth, being the poet she is, wrote a poem about that childhood experience.

THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA!

A new era was about to begin, history was being made, For every new invention, there was a price to be paid. Our life as we once knew it, was soon to be no more, Many parents were afraid that the Devil was at the door.

Looking back we see how innocent TV really was back then, Today we know how right they were, television's so full of sin. Uncle Ralph left his TV with us when he went out of town, Dad and mom were reluctant, but gave in with a frown.

The reception was poor at best, just a set of "rabbit ears", A snowy picture wasn't so bad, those were the wonder years. Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Father Knows Best, and I Love Lucy, too, That little black box was magic, wonderful and new.

The TV in our house was the first in the neighborhood, Neighbors came to watch, if they couldn't find a seat, they stood. Nothing, to my mind, has changed our lives quite as much, Not even computers, e-mail, cell phones and such.

We loved Uncle Ralph when his TV to us he did lend, "Alas", as they say, "All good things must come to an end", When he came home and claimed what was his own, Love quickly changed to hate, our hearts turned to stone.

--Alma Ruth

Alma Ruth is the third child of Gordon and Ruby Dedmon. She has three brothers, Leroy, Tommy and Billy along with one sister, Carolyn. She lives in Gurley, Alabama, where she is active in the church of Christ. Her poems are often published in the church bulletin. She writes a poem each week about one of the members of the congregation.





Pictured on left of photo is Commander-in-Chief Deeney Sweeney who, at the time, had only one more day to serve his beloved Sons of Confederate Veterans as its leader. His two years in office were hindered by the "infamous coup" which legally bogged down the "Forwarding of the Colors" to a great extent. Without a committed and dedicated leader such as CINC Sweeney at the helm of the Confederate States Steamship of State during this broadside from the "enemy coup", our beloved SCV, and "The Cause" to which it is dedicated, we would be nowhere near the recovery which we now enjoy. CINC Sweeney was shown great appreciation for his valiant efforts on behalf of the SCV at the 111th Annual Convention and Reunion in the Canal Street Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 3-5, 2006.

One of those who delivered the message of appreciation and affection to Commander-in-Chief Deeney Sweeney from the many SCV Compatriots from the State of South Carolina was South Carolina Commander Randy Burbage who is pictured having a cordial chat with his leader.

Both CINC Sweeney and Commander Burbage have expressed their confidence in the newly elected Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan who severed by the side of CINC Sweeney for the last two years as his Lt.CINC of the SCV.

On the last day of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention a motion was placed before the gathered SCV delegates from around the nation to elect Lt.CINC Chris Sullivan to the higher office of Commander-in-Chief of the SCV unanimously.

The motion passed and now the SCV must put past business behind and "Forward the Colors" of the Confederacy as Commander-in-Chief steers our ship in the manner of the leadership qualities and values of General Robert E. Lee, CSA.

Photo and caption by SCV Camp 842 Historian Eddie Hightower.

Eddie Hightower is connected to the Dedmon family through Clemeth Cavender and Rebecca Deadman. He is a regular contributor to the "DEDMON CONNECTION". He may be contacted by email at: Eedyedgar@aol.com



Eddie Hightower



My sentiments exactly!! ...Leroy



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.

From: sassyncute4ever@aol.com

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2006 10:31 PM

Subject: hi

Hi there this is Chris ... Your last name is Dedmon that's cool... are we related somehow? Glad to have the last name man! Its nice to know there is another one out there, you know besides my family:) Would love to see the family homepage ...news letter and stuffthanks! Chris

Thank you Chris, I am always glad to hear from new kin folk, it is very possible that we are related, but I need more information to make a connection. By now I trust you have found the web page at http://dedmon.org. Chris is not an unusual name for the Dedmon family. There are five who have the first name Christian or Christopher in the D-E-D-M-O-N data base. Of course in the D-E-A-D-M-A-N spelling we have three which include Christopher, whom we can't find the connection. --Leroy

OK, PAY YOUR BILL FOLKS....

The following email addresses have returned to me for the reasons listed with the address. All of these have at some time sent material and/or made inquiries to the family. If you are one of these folks or if you know any of them, please let me know. We don't want to lose contact with any of our family members. --Leroy

Recipient: <dnamonette@aol.com>
Reason: MAILBOX NOT FOUND

Recipient: <dbain12952@aol.com>
Reason: MAILBOX NOT FOUND

Recipient: <klee@snowhill.com>

Reason: sorry, no mailbox here by that name

Recipient: <willdone@msn.com>

Reason: Requested action not taken: mailbox unavailable

Name: Kristy Gayler-Sylar **E-Mail:** broome31@yahoo.com

Comments: I was looking up several things on-line and came across your family website and discovered my family on there. I am the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Broome my grandmother's first name was Evelyn. I am the daughter of William C. Sylar and Evelyn Kay (Sylar) Clark. I just thought that you would like to know this information. And I would like to know how is it that I would find out on the website how I am related to this family. If you could please advise on this that would be great. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear from someone soon on this matter.

Yours truly,

Kristy Gayler-Sylar

My reply to Kristy:

Kristy, I am sending what I have beginning with the Dedmon-Broome Connection... Please look it over and send me any corrections. I have collected this in bits and pieces. My main source was Tommy Broome, a long time friend of mine... --Leroy

Tommy Broome used to visit with our neighbors, the Cranes, when we lived on East Garden Farm Road. In fact, Tommy stayed with them for a while in the mid-fifties as he worked at Peerles Woolen Mills in Rossville, GA. Mrs. Crane's maiden name was Broom. She was Tommy Broom's aunt. Mrs. Crane had an old maid aunt that lived with them whose name was Ruth Dedmon. We were aware of the name Dedmon, but never thought we were kin.

I did not see Tommy from about 1953 until 1973. I was preaching a Gospel Meeting in Carrollton, GA and Tommy was preaching for the nearby Bowdon church of Christ. He reminded me that his grandmother was a Dedmon, but really didn't know anything about the family from which she came. When I began the family research project I went to Trion, GA, where Tommy told me she was buried and began the search. It didn't take long to find his grandmother, Caroline Caldonia "Callie" Dedmon. She was married to Tommy's grandfather, William Louis Broom. Buried nearby was Caroline's parents, Thomas and Janie Dedmon. They were both Dedmons (first cousins), which was not all that unusual in those days. Anyway, Tommy ended up being my third cousin.... --Lerov

a Birthday!

Natalie Catherine Smith celebrates number 3

Natalie Catherine Smith, the daughter of Tonya Faye and Steven Ray Smith reached the "ripe old" age of three on October 8, 2006.

Natalie is the grand daughter of my sister, Ruth Smith.



"LET THE PARTY BEGIN"



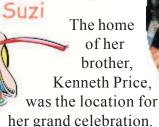
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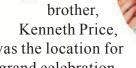


"I WANT MY CAKE AND EAT IT TOO"

SUSAN ELIZABETH PRICE YOUNGBERG **CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

ON OCTOBER FOURTH Happy Birthday







Suzi



"HERE SHE Comes"

They truly "rolled out the red carpet" as the celebrity made her entrance in the presence of a gathering of some family and friends at the East Ridge home... Although the party was not exactly a surprise, some of the events were planned as such. My two sisters (Carolyn and Ruth) presented her with a "This Is Your Life" picture album and scrapbook.

Susan (Suzi) is the only daughter and second child of Claude and Carolyn Dedmon Price and the granddaughter of Ruby Dickson Dedmon. She has two brothers, Kenneth and Mark. Suzi and her husband, Scott Alan Youngberg, make their home in the Florida Keys. Suzi is employed by a banking insurance firm and Scott is an entertainer. (See THE DEDMON CONNECTION, Volume 31, December 2004). To read more

about him you may visit Scott's personal website at:

http://www.scottyoungberg.com.

GWEN DEDMON GOWER The seventh day of October is a day I remember well. We were living in

IS A YEAR Gurley, Alabama as I was working at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville as well as **OLDER!!** preaching at Gurley. I took Jane to the hospital early that Sunday morning. Since Jane was in labor with our first child, Gary, thirty-two hours, I decided to go back and preach that morning. That was my first mistake of the day and the second was announcing it before I began my sermon. Not a soul paid attention to a thing I said that day

(which was probably not so unusual)... When I walked to the door following my "masterpiece", I was met by a good friend, Grayson Roberts. His wife was a member of the church, but he rarely attended. Jane had called him to go to the church building and inform me of Gwen's arrival. "You have a girl", he said, as he grinned from ear to ear.

Gwen is our only daughter and we have one son, Gary. She has one child, Carrie, and two grandchildren, Masie and Curt. (Do I have to say and they are my great grandchildren??) She lives in Buchanan, GA where she operates Gwen's Family Restaurant, a jointly owned business with us (Jane and Leroy). Happy Birthday Gwen...



GWEN

From the Mail Bag

From: fdedmon@juno.com
To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Leroy,

Please go ahead and use the notice I sent back in July about taking Floyd's ashes to McAlester.

Also let everyone know that I am taking his email off line, this is one of the last things I have to do. Well I still haven't taken all of his personal stuff out of the house yet, I am still working on that. I know that he is here with me no matter, what I do and don't do cause his love was always very unconditional. I still miss him. I am going on the end of the first year of his not being here, each holiday has been hard, but especially our anniversary, which was the first of May. Every day I say Thank You Lord for another day and the strength to go through this new day. He has blessed me in many ways. Again thank you for your support You can email me at gdedmon@juno.com God Bless you, Glenda

I did use the article Glenda sent in the July issue (Volume 50). I can only imagine what she experiences with the loss of Floyd. In 45 years of preaching I knew several who lost their spouses and know of their pain. Also, my sister, Ruth, has gone through this. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenda. --Leroy

From: Tabitha Nelson
 bambi_44706@yahoo.com>
 To: "Leroy Dedmon" <gldedmon@alltel.net>
 Hello Leroy

I'm interested in a family reunion on our Dedmon family. Does anyone have plans on having a reunion in the near future? Well I must go but please email me when you hear of anything ~Tabitha Nelson-Young

(Great Grand Daughter of Leon Dedmon)

Thanks for the inquiry Tabitha. I too, would like to have another reunion, but there is too much going on with me at this time to plan one. I really think we could have good response as it has been six years since the last one. Maybe next summer. I think there is a gathering somewhere in North Carolina about once a year. Someone told me there was an annual Dedmon Reunion in Alabama, but have never found it. --Leroy

From: JMBHDB@aol.com
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Dedmon Newsletter

Leroy, sure been enjoying your newsletter. The "Home Again, Home Again: had some very good points. Boy, ya'lls garden sounds great - wish we lived closer and I'd have been glad to pick it for ya'll when ya'll were gone - ha! Something tells me ya'll might not have agreed with that - ha!

In "Sign of the Times" - really enjoyed and makes me wish more than ever we'd have been able to move back to my ole home place when we retired. But Daddy & Mother sold it to move closer to the kids because most of us at that time were in the West Texas area. And was wise for them to be closer to most of us because both their health had deteriorated. Don't have the John Thomas or his sister Carrie Elizabeth in my genealogy program but would like to be able to put them there someway with this information.

Question - is there way to just copy parts of your newsletter? Sometimes I would like to copy parts of it and put into my genealogy program but I've never figured out how to do this. All I've ever been able to do is copy the whole thing (PDF) but not just parts of it onto the hard drive of my computer hope I'm making this clear - I'm not always that good at explaining things.

Also, would be interested in copying the information about Thomas H. Hill & Sarah Deadmon Hill just in case I can ever connect to them. Also Wm Bowen & Martha Overby Bowen (wouldn't that be something to have connection to Elvis), etc......

Thanks for putting my note to you in your newsletter-hopefully someone will see and help me out with this because I've still not been able to find anything on this Jane Dedmon I mentioned to you in your Aug. issue. Thanks again for keeping me on your mailing list.

- sincerely, Jackie Mae Bishop

I sent Jackie an email concerning copying parts of the newsletter. One of the drawbacks to the PDF file as it is not easily edited. I saw some software advertized recently that would create PDF files, but am not sure you can edit an existing one. I will check further. In the meantime I am sending Jackie some of the information via email and text files... --Leroy

DEATH NOTICES

PATRICIA CAPLE

Saturday, July 1, 2006 4:11 PM CDT Patricia Caple, 74, of Benton died Wednesday, June 28, 2006. She was born June 16, 1932, in Howe, Okla. to Elder and Nadine Dedmon. Mrs. Caple was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Edward Caple; and a brother, Larry Dedmon.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Harden of Dallas, Texas and Cathy Nivens of Benton; one sister, Bonnie Martines of California; three grandchildren, Porshea Woods, Chalu Harden and Ashley Nivens; and a great-granddaughter, Nia Calhoun.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ashby Funeral Home with burial at Forest Hills Cemetery. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

I have been searching for Elder Dedmon from the time I began the family research project. It seems that I had a couple of inquiries about him, but I am not sure when it was. I have corresponded with Danny McBee a couple of times with the following exchanges:

My first email to Danny when I sent him the above obit: Danny, do you have more on this part of the tree. I have been trying to locate Elder Dedmon for 10 years....Leroy

Danny's first response: Leroy, I have done some checking. Elder Dedmon is listed in the 1900 Walker County, Lookout Mt., Georgia Census as the son of Tom Waldren, 28. He is listed in the 1910 Census in the household of Thomas Judson Dedmon, 29, and his wife Alice, 22, children James, 3, Paul 1 yr 10 months, Ernest, 3 months, and Elder Dedmon, 19, nephew. I researched my two marriages for Thomas Judson Dedmon's father's two families. His first marriage to Nellie McEntire resulted in 10 children. I checked all of the children of the children and there was not an Elder. He did have a daughter named Frances Dedmon, born 1858 and died in 1875. She died young. She may have had a child [Elder] out of wedlock and died during childbirth.

My first response: thanks... Thomas Judson was my grandfather, but of course dad was not born in 1910 was a few years after that.... My grandmother Alice died when dad was young and he was raised by an aunt, resulting in not knowing much about the family... There are lots of stories floating around about Elder marrying several times, but no one seems to know anything... Your surmise about Frances could be right... she is buried here in the Dedmon cemetery... ---Leroy

Danny's second response: I found a few other things out about Elder. He filled out his World War I registration. He put down that he was born June 15, 1888 in Walker County, Georgia. He was living in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee at the time. He was also married. He applied for a Work Exemption.

--Danny

My second response: I have been looking at the possibilities of who the father (or mother) could have been of Elder if he was born in 1888. Frances died in 1875 so don't think it was her... Grand daddy had two sisters who were older than him, but they would have been about 10 and 12 in 1888. Of course that's possible, however, I think mom would have know of this as she knew my father's family better than he did. In the back of my mind there is a story that is very vague about Henry Dedmon and Melissa Pepper's sister. Henry was grand dad's half brother. He married Melissa in 1889. It seems there was a bit of scandal, but I just can't locate the source. Maybe it is at http://dedmondirt.ugly, but I can't find it...

--Leroy

Danny's third response: Why do you think he was in the household of Tom Waldren?

My third response: I can't find Tom Waldren, but my hunch is that he could have been a stepfather to Elder... or just married his mother, etc etc... still looking... --Leroy

I sent some information to Amelia Lehman [Vanderbiltmom04@aol.com] about this as she has information about a Mark Dedmon that was her ancestor. When I corresponded with her before I think I had the wrong Mark under consideration. I have not heard back from her yet... --Leroy



...Just the GOOD NEWS

To: Leroy Dedmon Subject: Leroy Dedmon

Dear Leroy,

This reply is written as I experience various emotions. Firstly, I am SO happy that the news I read was NOT you. Secondly, I am terribly embarrassed that I did not realize it was NOT you.

I didn't keep the obit but if I recall correctly, the age and area (early 60's and Ringgold) sounded as if it were you my dear friend. I am curious if others in our class made the same mistaken assumption?

Anyway, I'm tickled pink that you are still with us and look forward to our 50th reunion this coming year. Your skit was a HUGE hit. I can't remember when I've laughed so much. Thanks for sharing one of your obviously many talents!

God Bless you and yours, (Name Withheld)

PS: That's quite a newsletter you publish...congrats. (Where do you find the time?)

PPS: I am including (name withheld) for a CC because we talked about what a great loss we had experienced!!

Last month I published the sympathy card Jane received from a person thinking I had "crossed over Jordan". I purposely left out who sent it then and am doing so again. He probably wouldn't mind, but it really doesn't matter and could produce unnecessary embarrassment.

Here is the email I sent in answer to his response:

Well the family got a big kick out of the card... As far as I know, no one else made the connection, or at least I didn't hear from them.... No flowers, memorials, etc... I pondered several days as to how to break the news to you... I considered one of those cards.. HAVING A GREAT TIME, WISH YOU WERE HERE.... but decided it might be presumptuous as to the place I was... (Of course, I know the place I plan to be...) For sure the newsletter is a bit demanding... If you get bored you might look at the web site: http://dedmon.org The SOS link contains info about "hayseed"..... again, thanks for the thought. -- Leroy

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Norma Jane Dedmon Porter (Oct. 18, 1953 – Oct. 3, 2006)

SHELBY — Mrs. Norma Jane Dedmon Porter, 52, of 1339 Lithia Springs Road, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Cleveland County, a daughter of the late James Everette and Minnie Mildred Harris Dedmon. She was the assistant manager of Shelby Cleaners and a member of Ross Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Eston Monroe Porter; a son, John Porter of Shelby; two sisters, Karen Nalley and husband, Timmy Lee, and Theda Parker, all of Shelby; two nieces, Michelle Black and husband, Kevin Burkhart, and Virginia Navy and husband, Ricky; three nephews, Sammy Black, Darrell Vess and wife, Amanda, and Clint Parker; four greatnieces, Chelsie Hunt, Elaine Hall, Miranda Black and Lisa Burkhart; and three great-nephews, Dustin Black, Wesley Black and Dameon Navy.

Visitation: The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Stamey Funeral Home. The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Ross Grove Baptist Church; the body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service for viewing. The Burial will be at Ross Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Officiated by: The Revs. Josh Hunt and Jackie Price. Memorials: Michelle Black Russ, 1339 Lithia Springs Road, Shelby, NC 28150 for funeral expenses. Online Condolences: www.stameyfuneralhome.com

Norma Jane's ancestry joins mine at Mark Dedmon, the Revolutionary War Veteran who fought at King's Mountain.. (He was the first recorded to spell the name D-E-D-M-O-N). She is a descendent of Mark's son Thomas and I descend from Mark's son William. One of these days I plan to do more research on the varied spellings of our name. I also noticed the connections to the Black family. I would be interested in knowing more about that part of the family as the Dedmons and Dicksons are both related to the Black family. As far as I know those to whom we are related also came to Georgia from North Caolina. Gordon Black of Ringgold has published a great book on the family. --Leroy

This page is dedicated to the "branches" of our tree that are not Dedmons. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes in-laws, "outlaws" and other laws.... (Leroy)

Hattie Faye Hambright Published: September 28, 2006 11:16 pm Dalton Citizen

Mrs. Hattie Faye Hambright, 75, of Dalton, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clayton and Maxine Bailey; brother, Jack Hardin; and sons, Bill "Biggen" Hambright and Terry Hambright.

Mrs. Hambright is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Dennis Hambright of the residence; children and spouses, Kim and Eddie Rowe, Sandra Pritchett and Hugh Young and Clay Bishop, all of Dalton; grand-children, Tiffany Bishop of Dalton, Samantha Newman of Cleveland, Tenn., Alicia Rowe of Dalton and Patience Wilden of Dalton; Loman T. Craig of Dalton; great-grandchildren, Brady Bates, Loman Craig and Cody Johnson, all of Dalton; daughter-in-law, Faye Hambright of Dalton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David and Linda Hair of Dalton, Tom and Nancy Drew of Rocky Face, Pat Hambright of Dalton, Jeff and Willie Hambright of Tunnel Hill and Joe Murray of Dalton. Several great-nieces and nephews also survive.

Services are today at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating. Burial will be in the West Hill Cemetery with a white dove ceremony. The family received friends at the funeral home Thursday.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory of Chatsworth.

It was only last month (Volume 52, October 2006) that I wrote about the connection to the Hambright family. I was somewhat amazed at finding the obituary as I finished that newsletter. Of course, I was aware of the fact that there was some Hambrights in this area as they are my ancestors. It has occurred to me that I need to make acquittance with them. I am not sure they are aware of me... --Leroy

Tony Lee Hambright

Mr. Tony Lee Hambright, 57, of Dalton, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005 at Alvin York Veteran's Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ginger Petty Hambright.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Drew Hambright and Jamie Altizer of Dalton; grandchildren, Makayla Hambright and Carrie Altizer, both of Dalton; mother, Sarah Wells of Dalton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jennifer Mason Tanner of Dalton, Donna and Eddie Glatt of Memphis, Tenn., Gerry and Pam Lewis of Dalton; nieces, Sarah Morris and Natalie Lewis of Dalton, Rebecca Glatt of Memphis, Tenn.; nephews, Mason Tanner and Matt Morris, both of Dalton.

Graveside services with military honors will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. from the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Randy Dealin officiating.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home & Crematory of Chatsworth.

I found this obit when I discovered the one on Hattie Faye. Although it is from last year, I decided it still contains some needed information.



Wednesday 10/18/2006 5:04:49pm

Name: Ann M. Gilbert

E-Mail: angil611@yahoo.com

Homepage Title: Homepage URL:

Referred By: Search Engine

Location: Comments: You folks stay in touch and send any new newsletters if

you're still doing them!!!

Thanks Ann

'Twas nice to hear from Ann. She was Jane's (my wife) best friend in high school and served as a bride's maid in our wedding. For a time she dated my good friend Charlie Lail. Charlie moved to Atlanta and Ann and my first cousin Tommy Gilbert began dating and became the first couple I married. They divorced a few years ago, but we still consider her part of the family. She and Tommy had two girls, Carrie Jane and Kathy. Jane was a tremendous help in putting together the Dickson Reunion last fall.