

<b>Family Group Sheet</b>		Husband's Full Name		Milton Otis Loftis	<a href="http://www.ajlambert.com">http://www.ajlambert.com</a>				
		<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
Information Obtained From:		Birth:	9	June	1905	Jackson Co. , TN		Deputy Sheriff	
Geraldine Denny.		Marriage:	26	August	1925	Putnam Co., TN		killed on duty.	
Loftis and the		Death:	23	September	1934-DC	<i>Tombstone states, 29 September 1934.</i>		Died from gun shot	
Descendants of		Burial:	Smellage Cemetery		Boma, Putnam Co., Tennessee			to the stomach.	
Laban Loftis by		Places of Residence: Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN							
Jimmie R. Loftis and		Occupation:	Deputy Sheriff		Religion:		Military Record:		
Bobbie H. Bryant.		Other wives							
(Pgs. 344,345)		His Father:	Ray Kirk Loftis		His Mother:		Clara "Claire" Jeanette Birdwell		
Milton & Essie Loftis,		Wife's Full Maiden Name Essie Avo Jernigan							
Marriage Registration,									
Putnam Co., TN.		<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
A-3987 Put. Co.		Birth:	21	February	1901	Thompson Holler, TN		Died of a heart	
Marriages- Vol. 6-7									
Pg. 309 - Book 6		Marriage:	26	August	1925	Putnam Co., TN			
Compiler: <a href="http://ajlambert.com">ajlambert.com</a>		Death:	30	April	1962	Mt. Clemens, Macomb Co., MI		md by William	
Audrey J. Lambert		Burial:	Smellage Cemetery		Boma, Putnam Co., Tennessee			McBroom J.P.	
39721 Timberlane		Places of Residence: Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN - Mt. Clemens, Macomb Co., MI							
Sterling Heights,		Occupation:	Homemaker		Religion:		Military Record:		
Michigan 48310		Other husbands:							
Date: June 28, 1999		Her Father:	John Tilford Jernigan		Her Mother:		Mahulda "Hulda" Jane Thompson		
<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Children's Full Names:</b>	<b>Date of:</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State or Country</b>	<b>Additional Info.</b>
M	<b>1. John Ray Loftis</b>	Birth:	15	August	1926	Double Springs, TN		Children: Michael Ray, Steven Wayne,	
		Marriage:	30	December	1950	Rossville, GA		Judy Lynn, Mark Anthony, & Alan	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	23	April	1971	TN		Lewis Loftis	
	Betty Joan Pendergrass	Burial:			Double Springs Cemetery, TN				
M	<b>2. Jack Douglas Loftis</b>	Birth:	10	November	1928	Double Springs, TN- <i>At Home</i>		Children: Gary Douglas,	
		Marriage:	12	February	1951			Larry Dale, &	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	20	January	2002	Eastpointe, MI - <i>At Home</i>		Jeffrey Scott Loftis	
	Joyce Marie Burns	Burial:	24	January	2002	Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery		Clinton Twp, MI	
F	<b>3. Geraldine Loftis</b>	Birth:	25	October	1930	Double Springs, TN- <i>At Home.</i>		Children: Ronald Timothy, Richard	
		Marriage:	10	July	1949	Bowling Green, OH		Lewis, Audrey June,	
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:	17	January	2002	Clinton Township, MI		& Joe Nelson Denny	
	Tim Denny - <i>William Lewis Timothy Denny</i>	Burial:	21	January	2002	Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery Clinton Township, MI		md 1 <sup>st</sup> Luther Eugene "Gene" Bussell	
F	<b>4. Audrey Burton Loftis</b>	Birth:	3	April	1934	Double Springs, TN - <i>At Home.</i>		Children: Linnie Gail & Terry Lee	
		Marriage:	December 7, 1952		Rossville, GA		Wallace		
	Full Name of Spouse:	Death:							
	Exel "Shorty" Wallace b. April 14, 1931, TX d. February 8, 1980, TX	Burial:						Buried Hamilton Cemetery, Corsicana, TX	



L to R: Jack Douglas & John Ray Loftis



L to R: Lona Etta (Loftis) Jackson holding Dale Loftis and Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis

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Wife's full maiden name Essie Avo Jernigan



Audrey Burton Loftis



Audrey Burton Loftis



Geraldine Loftis



Geraldine Loftis



Standing: Clara Jeanette (Birdwell), Essie Avo, Jack, John. Sitting: Audrey Burton, unknown, Barbara & Joe Lyle



Audrey Burton & Geraldine Loftis



Jack, Clara (Birdwell) & John Loftis.



Jack Douglas, Audrey Burton, Essie Avo (Jernigan) & John Ray Loftis.



Jack, Essie Avo (Jernigan) & John Loftis.



John, Geraldine, & Jack Loftis.



Milton Otis holding Audrey Burton & Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis.

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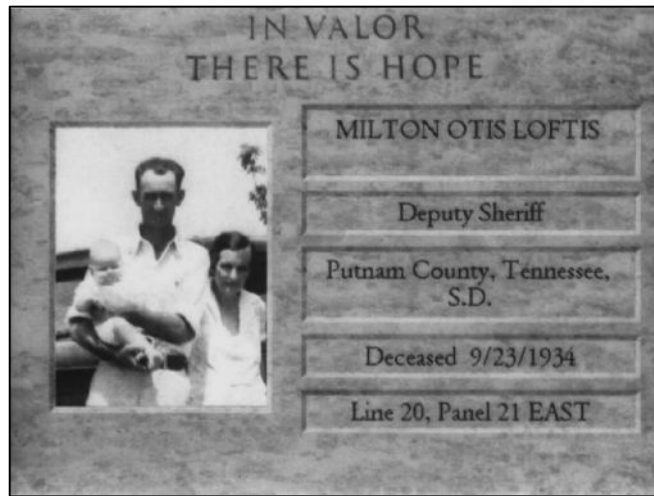
Top row: Right: Flossie Jernigan and next to her Oscar Goolsby, she later married & divorced, and then she married Herchel Martin. Bottom row: R to L: Anna Brown and next to her, Walter Farmer whom she later married. Next to Walter Farmer is Essie Avo Jernigan who married Milton Otis Loftis. Picture taken 3-30-1919, in Double Springs, TN.



Oscar Goolsby married Flossie Jernigan. Flossie was the sister of Essie Avo Jernigan who married Milton Otis Loftis. Flossie later married Herchel Martin.



Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis



Milton Otis holding Audrey Burton & Essie Avo Loftis. Milton Otis recorded at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Washington D.C.



Clara Jeanette (Birdwell) Loftis



Milton Otis holding Audrey Burton, & next Essie Avo. Pulling her ear is Geraldine, then Jack & John Loftis.



Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis

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From left: Gary holding Paul Joseph, Vickie (Kopjo), Jack, Joyce (Burns), Dale, Scotty & Jeffery Loftis.



From left sitting: Ronald Timothy, Geraldine (Loftis), Tim with Joe. Standing Richard Lewis & Audrey June Denny.



From left: Tim & Geraldine (Loftis) Denny with son Joe Nelson Denny. Alan Lewis, Mark Anthony, Joan (Pendergrass), John Ray, & Judy Lynn Loftis.



Exel "Shorty" & Audrey Burton Wallace. Standing behind is Linnie Gail & Terry Wallace.



Exel "Shorty" & Audrey Burton (Loftis) Wallace with their children Linnie Gail & Terry Wallace.



From left: Steven Wayne, Jonathan Michael Loftis. Standing: John Ray & Joann (Pendergrass) holding Judy Lynn



From Left: Dale, Jack Douglas holding Jeffery, & Gary Douglas Loftis.

**Source:** State of Tennessee, Putnam Co., TN: Know All Men by These Presents:

That we **Otis Loftis** and **Miss Avo Jernigan** of the County of Putnam and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound to the State of Tennessee in the Sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, and each and every one of us, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals, this 25 day of August 1925. Signed: Otis Loftis and Robert Ray.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas the above bounden **Otis Loftis** has this day prayed and obtained a license to marry **Miss Avo Jernigan**. Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage and for which license is desired, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Attest: Algood Moore.

Date of Marriage: 26 August 1925 by W. R. McBroom, Justice of the Peace. License returned: 22 September 1925.

#3090 – pg. 309: Book 6: A-3987 Putnam County, County Clerk Marriages: Vol. 6 – Vol. 7.

**Source:** State of Tennessee Department of Health: Division of Vital Statistics: Certificate of Death #21085

County of Putnam Co., TN: Registration Dist. No. 721: File: 21085.

City of Cookeville, TN: City Hospital:

Full Name: **Otis Milton Loftis**: Residence: Double Springs, TN : Sex: Male – Color: White – Married.

Date of Birth: 9 June 1905: Age: 29 years 3 months 14 days – Birthplace: Jackson Co., TN

Father: **Ray Loftis** – Birthplace: TN Mother: **Clara Birdwell** – Birthplace: TN

Profession: Deputy Sheriff

Wife: **Avo Jernigan Loftis**

Date of Death: 23 September 1934

I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased \_\_\_\_\_(blank). I last saw him alive on \_\_\_\_\_(blank) death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 3:00 p.m. The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:

Gun shot wound of abdomen (Shotgun).

If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide?: Homicide.

Where did injury occur? Putnam Co., Dist. 16

Informant: **Mrs. Avo Loftis** of Double Springs, TN

Burial Place: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

Undertaker: Pendergrass Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN

Filed: 8 October 1934 by Minnie McClair

Signed by: W. H. Taylor, Cookeville, TN

Vital Records: Putnam Co., TN: Roll No. 9: Book: 1934: Place 21085:

Tennessee State Library and Archives.

**Source:** County of Macomb, Michigan: Michigan Department of Health,

Vital Records Section: Local File No. 294: State File #1909826

Place of Death: Macomb Co., Michigan

City: Mt. Clemens, St. Joseph Hospital

Name of Deceased: **Essie Avo Loftis** – Citizen of U.S.A.

Birthplace: Tennessee

Usual Residence: 29129 Galloway Road, Roseville, Macomb Co., MI:

Sex: Female – Color: White – Married.

Usual Occupation: Homemaker: At Home

Date of Birth: 21 February 1901

Date of Death: 30 April 1962

Age of years last birthday: 61

Father: **John T. Jernigan**

Mother: **Jane Mihaldys** (her mother was **Mahulda Jane Thompson**)

Name of Husband: Late Otis

Informant: **Jack Loftis**, Roseville, MI

Disease or condition directly leading to death: Coronary Thrombosis, Interval between onset and Death: 36 hours.

Rheumatic Heart Disease: 45 years

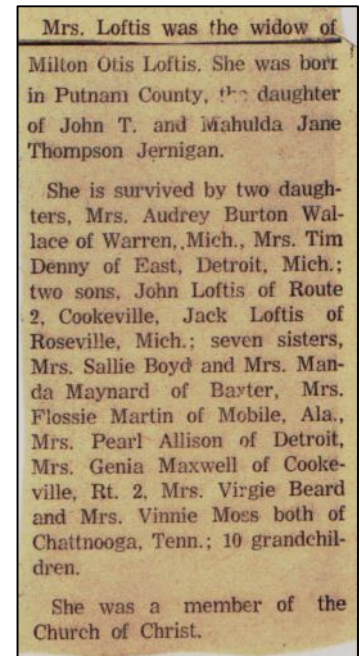
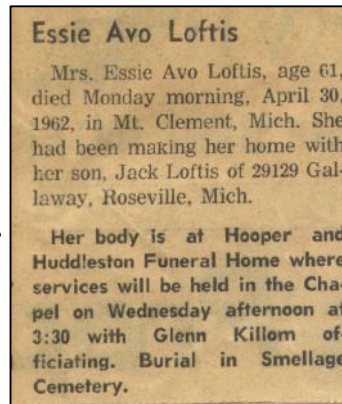
I hereby certify, that I attended the deceased from June 10, 1954 to April 30, 1962, that I last saw the deceased alive on April 29, 1962 and that death occurred at 3:15 a.m. from the causes and on the date stated above. Signed: Nelson Singer M.D., 22150 Gratiot, MI 30 April 1962

Burial: 4 May 1962 – Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN

Funeral Director: Harold Rediske – Uht Memorial Home, Wayne, MI

Date received by local register: 30 April 1962, John Hahn

*The death certificate was not properly filled out and was amended by the granddaughter of Essie Avo Loftis, whose name was Audrey June Denny Lambert. The correction made was for the mother's maiden name which should have been, Mahulda Jane Thompson. Following is the amended Certificate of Death for Essie Avo Loftis.*



\*Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd, Westland, MI, 48186-5425, 734-721-8555

**Source:** State of Michigan, Department of Community Health: Certificate of Death – Amended: February 5, 2002.

State File Number: 1909826

Mother's name: **Mahulda Thompson**

Name: **JACK LOFTIS**

SSN: 411-34-7567

Last Residence: 48021 Eastpointe, Macomb, MI

Born: 10 November 1928

Last Benefit:

Died: 20 January 2002

State (Year) SSN issued: TN (Before 1951 )

Name: **EXEL WALLACE**

SSN: 449-38-5389

Last Residence: 75060 Irving, Dallas, TX

Born: 14 April 1931

Last Benefit: 75060 Irving, Dallas, TX

Died: February 1980

State (Year) SSN issued: TX (Before 1951 )

Name: **GERALDINE DENNY**

SSN: 411-46-4676

Last Residence: 23575 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI

Born: 25 October 1930

Last Benefit:

Died: 16 January 2002

State (Year) SSN issued: TN (Before 1951 )

**TIM DENNY**

SSN: 410-30-6787

Born: 25 May 1923

Died: 1 Aug 2001 V

Age: 78

Last Residence: 23575 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI

(not specified)

Tennessee

Name: **JOHN LOFTIS**

SSN: 415-20-7808

Born: 15 August 1926 (not specified) (not specified) Tennessee 415-20-7808

Died: April 1971

Age: 44

Last Residence: (not specified)

Last Benefit: (not specified)

Issued By: Tennessee

### 1910 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Dist. 17

Dwl: 128 Family: 128 – Indian Creek

**John T. Jernigan** 44 M W M1 (20 years married) Farmer General Farm TN NC TN

**Mahulda J. Jernigan** 39 F W M1 (20 years married) (9 children born, 8 children living) TN TN TN

Mary V. Jernigan 15 F W S TN TN TN

Amanda C. Jernigan 13 F W S TN TN TN

Edna R. Jernigan 11 F W S TN TN TN

**Essey A. Jernigan** 9 F W S TN TN TN (Essie Avo Jernigan md Milton Otis Loftis)

Flossie M. Jernigan 6 F W S TN TN TN

Pearlie F. Dau 4 F W S TN TN TN

### 1920 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Dist. 7

Dwl: 176 – Line: 55



#### UHT FUNERAL HOME

35400 Glenwood Road, Westland, MI 48186-5425

The *Uht Funeral Home* had its humble beginnings in the 1800's in Huron Township, which is now known as New Boston, Michigan. Mantous Uht's grandfather and father were cabinetmakers in a building located on the corner of Huron River Drive and Sibley Road. As many of those craftsmen did in those days, they also built and provided coffins to the area families that experienced deaths within their families.

In 1925 Mr. Uht came to the Village of Wayne and purchased an existing funeral home from a man named Web Morton. This building was located near the corner of Wayne Road and Main Street. Mr. Uht operated this business until the 1940's then he took a partner by the name of Harold Kennedy. The name of the business was then known as the Uht Kennedy Funeral Home. That partnership was terminated in late 1951.

On March 1, 1952 a new association was formed with Harold Rediske and that relation continued until the death of Mr. Uht in January 1961. The funeral home remained at that location with many remodeling and major additions being done. In 1965 the City of Wayne purchased the building and property in order to begin their Urban Renewal Program. The new *Uht Funeral Home* was built in the City of Westland, at the corner of Glenwood and Harvey Street, and was moved into on March of 1967 which is where the funeral home is still located and the Rediske family still maintains ownership to the present time.

The *Uht Funeral Home* continues to provide its tradition of outstanding service in and to the community, always striving to offer the most complete and compassionate funeral care and after care possible. It is our goal that we can provide this kind of care to all families regardless of their financial situation. We expect that all families will be treated exactly the same way we would want to be treated ourselves.

**John T. Jernigan** Head Rents Home 54 M W Married Farmer General Farm TN NC TN  
Manda J. Jernigan Wife 49 F W Married TN TN TN (*Mahulda "Hulda" Jane Thompson*)  
Edna Jernigan Dau 21 F W S TN TN TN  
**Essie A. Jernigan** Dau 18 F W S TN TN TN (*Essie Avo Jernigan md Milton Otis Loftis*)  
Pearlie F. Jernigan Dau 14 F W S TN TN TN  
Jewel A. Jernigan Dau 9 F W S TN TN TN  
Esquire L. Thompson Father-in-Law 81 M W Widow  
(*Esquire Looney Thompson md Naomie/Naomi Avo Jared – parents of Mahulda "Hulda" Jane Thompson*)

**1910 CENSUS – JACKSON CO., TN – Dist. 12**

Dwl: 90 Family: 90

**Ray K. Loftis** Head M W 28 Married 2 (6 years married) Farmer TN TN TN  
(*Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriet Montgomery Johnson*)  
**Clara Loftis** Wife F W 20 Married 1 (6 years married) ( 2 children born, 2 children living) TN TN TN  
(*Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia W. Jackson*)  
Lona E. Dau F W 8 Single TN TN TN  
**Milton O. Loftis** Son M W 4 Single TN TN TN  
Leo B. Loftis Son M W 1 10/12 Single TN TN TN

**1920 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – Dist. 7**

Dwl: 208 Family: 212 Line: 1

**Ray Loftis** Head M W 37 Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN  
**Claire Loftis** Wife F W 30 Married TN TN TN  
Lona Loftis Dau F W 18 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN  
**Otis Loftis** Son M W 14 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN  
Clyde Loftis Son M W 9 Single Farm Laborer Home Farm TN TN TN  
Clarence Loftis Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN  
Dona Lee Loftis Dau F W 4 5/12 Single TN TN TN  
Lola B. Loftis Dau F W 1 5/12 Single TN TN TN  
**Virginia Birdwell** Mother-in-Law F W 67 Widow TN TN TN



Essie Avo Jernigan  
Loftis with her sons.  
L to R:  
John Ray Loftis & Jack  
Douglas Loftis.

**1930 US Census, 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Double Springs & Gainesboro Rds., Putnam Co., TN**

Dwl: 155 Family: 159 Line 22

**Otis Laftice (Loftis)** Head Rents M W 24 Married (20 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Wrong spelling in census as Laftice*).  
(*Milton Otis Loftis, s/o Ray Kirk Loftis & Clara Jeanette Birdwell*)  
**Essie A. Loftis** Wife F W 29 Married (21 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN (*Essie Avo Jernigan md Milton Otis Loftis*)  
John R. Loftis Son M W 3 Single TN TN TN (*John Ray Loftis*)  
Jack D Loftis Son M W 1 Single TN TN TN (*Jack Douglas Loftis*)

**Source:** Letter written by **Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis** to her daughter **Audrey Burton Loftis Wallace**: Sunday afternoon, 1 January 1961.

Dear Burton and all,

How does this find you? Well and enjoying the new year I hope, as for us we are well as usual. We have colds but that is common now. We have snow on the ground and pretty cold. John had to work today. We went to church with Jack. Mr. Fisher brought this letter over for you so thought I would send it so you could file your income tax returns. Gail got a letter from where you bought their shoes. They send them out when they have a birthday. Mike and Steve have gone skating. Jack's family and I had supper with the Allison's last night. She had a good supper. She gave me a pair of house slippers for x-mas. Hope my babies colds are better. You got a x-mas card from the Monks and Kollmans. Did Gail and Terry ever see Santa?

These kids saw him at Federal but Judy was afraid of him. I am sending you \$2.00 a refund from the telephone company.

Love my babies a lot for me.

Love always, Granny

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<http://tngenes.net/books/deathrecords.html>

Putnam County, Tennessee Death Records 1926 – 1935

Mitzi P. Freeman Books

Death certificates less than 50 years old may be ordered from the Tennessee Vital Records Office.

Tennessee Vital Records

Central Services Building

1st Floor

421 5th Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee 37247

Certificates older than 50 years may be order from: Tennessee State Library and Archives, Research Department, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville TN 37243-0312.

NAME: **Otis Milton Loftis**

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 Jun 1905

DATE OF DEATH: 23 Sep 1934

PLACE OF BIRTH: Jackson County

AGE:

SPOUSE: **Avo Jernigan Loftis**, *d/o John Tilford Jernigan & Mahulda "Hulda" Thompson.*

CEMETERY: Smellage Cemetery

FATHER: **Ray Loftis**, *Ray Kirk Loftis, s/o Reuben Hickman Loftis & Harriett Montgomery Johnson.*

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Clara Birdwell** *Clara Jeanette Birdwell, d/o Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Ann W. Jackson.*

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 21085

COUNTY: Putnam

NAME: **Ray K. Loftis** – *Ray Kirk Loftis*

DATE OF BIRTH: *12 July 1881, TN*

DATE OF DEATH: 16 Jan 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE: 37y

SPOUSE: *md 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Alice Birdwell & md 2<sup>nd</sup> her sister Clara Jeanette Birdwell, daughter of Jones M. Birdwell & Virginia Jackson.*

CEMETERY: Fox Graveyard, Jackson Co., TN

FATHER: Unknown - *Reuben Hickman Loftis, s/o James Madison (Matt) Loftis & Sarah Elvira Dowell.*

PLACE OF BIRTH:

MOTHER: Unknown - *Harriett Montgomery Johnson, d/o Samuel Johnson & Nancy Maranda Jones*

PLACE OF BIRTH:

CERTIFICATE: 288

COUNTY: Putnam Co., TN

**Source:** Herald Newspaper: 9 March 1933, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN:

Mr. & Mrs. Otis Loftis and children and Mamie Lou Holly were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brewington Sunday evening.

Pg. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Loftis, Miss Avannah Loftis, Miss Cleo McBroom, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Loftis and Nathan Loftis attended the funeral of Norma Loftis in Jackson County, Sunday.

**Source:** Herald Newspaper: 22 November 1934, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN:

Mrs. Otis Loftis and daughter Geraldine, and Audrey Burton are visiting relatives in Nashville and Old Hickory.



Richard Lewis Denny & Audrey June (Denny) Lambert at the tombstone of Milton Otis Loftis & his wife Essie Avo Jernigan. Otis and Avo Loftis were the grandparents of Richard and Audrey June Denny.



L to R: Pearl Frances Jernigan md Denver O. Allison, Geraldine Loftis md Tim Denny and Joyce Marie Burns md Jack Douglas Loftis, this picture was taken at her son Jeffery Loftis' wedding, 1 June 1985.

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Grave of Milton Otis Loftis - 1934

Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis at the grave of her husband with their four children: L to R: John Ray Loftis, Geraldine (Loftis) Denny, Essie holding, Audrey Burton (Wallace) Loftis & Jack Douglass Loftis.