

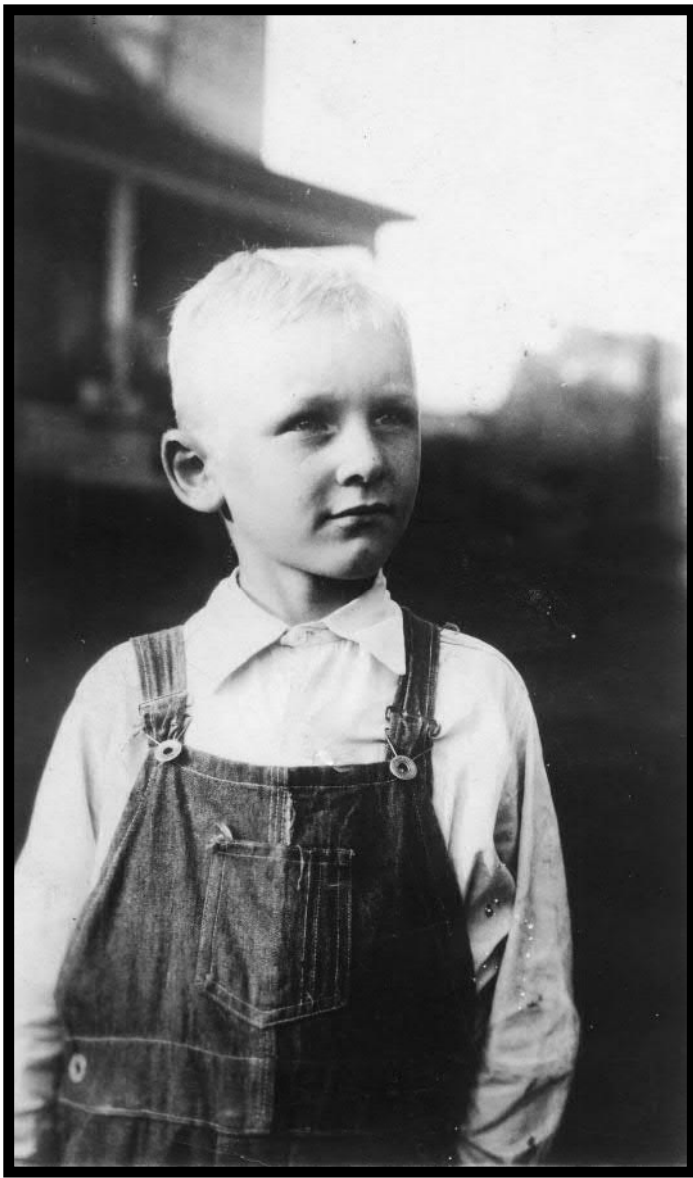
| <b>Family Group Sheet</b>                                    |                                                                              | Husband's Full Name <b>Tim Denny – "William Lewis Timothy Denny"</b>                           |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              | <b>Date of:</b>                                                              | <b>Day</b>                                                                                     | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Town County State or Country</b>           | <b>Additional Info.</b>                                      |
| Information Obtained From:                                   | Birth:                                                                       | 25                                                                                             | May          | 1923        | Buffalo Valley, Tennessee - <i>Home</i>       | <i>Congestive Heart</i>                                      |
| Family Records -Bible                                        | Marriage:                                                                    | 10                                                                                             | July         | 1949        | Bowling Green, Ohio by R.A. Powell            | <i>Failure</i>                                               |
| Marriage witnessed by:                                       | Death:                                                                       | 1                                                                                              | August       | 2001        | Clinton Township, Macomb Co., MI              | <i>Left Handed</i>                                           |
| Katie (Bussell) Leftwich & John W. Lewis                     | Burial:                                                                      | 6                                                                                              | August       | 2001        | Cadillac Memorial Gardens E. Cemetery         | Clinton Twp. MI                                              |
| Loftis and the                                               | Places of Residence:    Putnam County TN, East Pointe (East Detroit) MI      |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| Descendants of                                               | Occupation:                                                                  | Farmer, Mechanic, Janitor. worked at DIVCO, MI                                                 |              | Religion:   | Church of Christ                              | Military Record:    AF 1943-1946                             |
| Laban Loftis                                                 | Other wives                                                                  |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| Pgs. 344-345                                                 | His Father:    Virgil Timothy Denny    His Mother:    Audra Camilla Anderson |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| by Jimmie R. Loftis & Bobbie H. Bryant                       | Wife's Full Maiden Name    Geraldine "Geri" Loftis                           |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| Irish-Scottish & English                                     | <b>Date of:</b>                                                              | <b>Day</b>                                                                                     | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Town County State or Country</b>           | <b>Additional Info.</b>                                      |
| Compiler: <a href="http://ailambert.com">ailambert.com</a>   | Birth:                                                                       | 25                                                                                             | October      | 1930        | Double Springs, Tennessee                     | <i>At Home.</i>                                              |
| Audrey Lambert                                               | Marriage:                                                                    | 10                                                                                             | July         | 1949        | Bowling Green, Ohio                           |                                                              |
| 39721 Timberlane Dr. Sterling Heights Michigan, 48310        | Death:                                                                       | 17                                                                                             | January      | 2002        | Clinton Township, Macomb Co., MI              | <i>Heart Failure</i>                                         |
| Date:    April 25, 1999                                      | Burial:                                                                      | 21                                                                                             | January      | 2002        | Cadillac Memorial Gardens E. Cemetery         | Clinton Twp. MI                                              |
| Sex:                                                         | Places of Residence:    Putnam County TN, East Pointe (East Detroit) MI      |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| <b>Children's Full Names:</b>                                | Occupation:                                                                  | Homemaker                                                                                      |              | Religion:   | Church of Christ                              | Military Record:                                             |
| <b>1. Ronald Timothy Denny</b>                               | Other husbands:                                                              | md 8 October 1947, Luther Eugene "Gene" Bussell, s/o Edgar Dibrell Bussell & Lou Siller Howell |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
| Full Name of Spouse:    Leslie Riye Habu                     | Her Father:                                                                  | Milton Otis Loftis                                                                             |              | Her Mother: | Essie Avo Jernigan                            |                                                              |
| <b>2. Richard Lewis Denny</b>                                | <b>Date of:</b>                                                              | <b>Day</b>                                                                                     | <b>Month</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Town County State or Country</b>           | <b>Additional Info.</b>                                      |
| Full Name of Spouse: <i>Never married</i>                    | Birth:                                                                       | 5                                                                                              | December     | 1950        | Cookeville, TN (Cookeville General) Ken Haile | Children: Reed Akira                                         |
| <b>3. Audrey June Denny</b>                                  | Marriage:                                                                    | 4                                                                                              | February     | 1989        | Seattle, Washington                           | Timothy & Grant Teiji                                        |
| Full Name of Spouse:    Michael Henry Lambert                | Death:                                                                       | 15                                                                                             | December     | 2004        | Bellevue, Washington                          | Ronald Denny                                                 |
| <b>4. Joe Nelson Denny</b>                                   | Burial:                                                                      | Died on a Wednesday                                                                            |              |             |                                               | md 1 <sup>st</sup> Susan Knight                              |
| Full Name of Spouse:    Diane Julie Winn b. January 14, 1964 | Birth:                                                                       | 5                                                                                              | February     | 1952        | Cookeville, TN    Kenneth Haile               | Born: Cookeville                                             |
|                                                              | Marriage:                                                                    |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
|                                                              | Death:                                                                       |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
|                                                              | Burial:                                                                      |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               |                                                              |
|                                                              | Birth:                                                                       | 28                                                                                             | March        | 1953        | Cookeville, TN    Kenneth Haile               | Born: Cookeville                                             |
|                                                              | Marriage:                                                                    | 4                                                                                              | April        | 1989        | Las Vegas, Nevada                             | General Hospital                                             |
|                                                              | Death:                                                                       |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               | md 1 <sup>st</sup> Dennis Patrick                            |
|                                                              | Burial:                                                                      |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               | Case                                                         |
|                                                              | Birth:                                                                       | 7                                                                                              | February     | 1963        | Detroit, Michigan    Dr. George H. Steele     | Born: St. John Hospital                                      |
|                                                              | Marriage:                                                                    | 5                                                                                              | March        | 1997 – div. | Clinton Twp., MI                              | Detroit, MI                                                  |
|                                                              | Death:                                                                       | 12                                                                                             | June         | 2023        | Detroit, Wayne Co., MI                        | Divorced                                                     |
|                                                              | Burial:                                                                      |                                                                                                |              |             |                                               | Diane Julie Winn, d/o Richard Goskin & Dolores (Trojan) Winn |



Geraldine Loftis Denny  
Blue eyes, 5'4", 160 lbs.  
in 1998.



Tim Denny  
Blue eyes,  
5' 11", 210 lbs. in 1998.



Jim Denny  
Silver Point  
Tenn

Age 13  
grade 8<sup>th</sup>

W L J Denny  
Putman Co.  
11 District

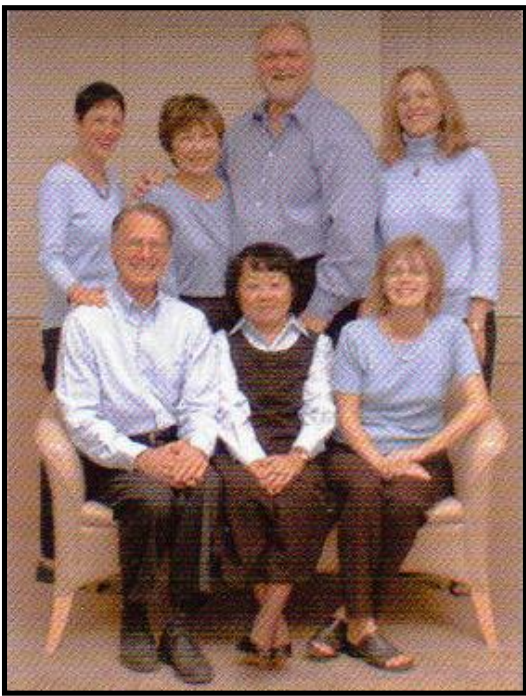
Wrote By Jim him self.



Mrs. Audra Camilla (Anderson) Denny, Rt. 1 Silver Point, cuts a piece of her brown sugar pie to serve to one of her many visitors. She enjoys cooking and entertaining when someone drops by.



The Denny's  
L to R: Audrey Camilla (Anderson) Denny,  
her son, Tim Denny  
& husband Virgil Timothy Denny.



Staff of L.T. Denny, Custom Jewelers, Seattle, WA  
 Back Row: couple in the middle: Ronald Timothy Denny  
 and his wife, Leslie Tanaka Riye Habu



Tim & Geraldine (Loftis) Denny



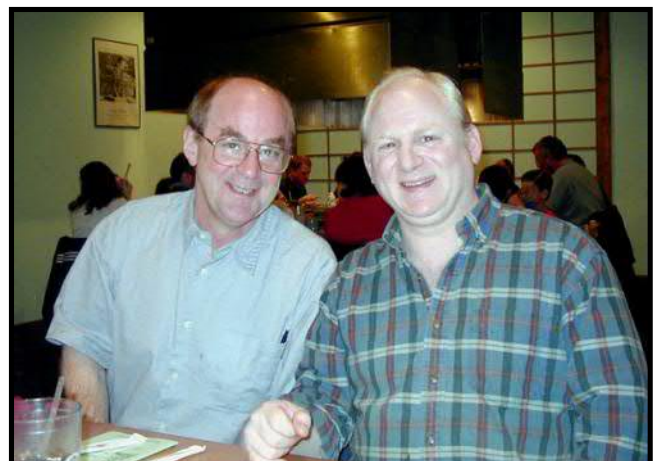
The Tim Denny Family  
 L to R, sitting: Tim Denny, Geraldine (Loftis)  
 Denny.

Back Row; Richard Lewis Denny, Grant  
 Teiji, Ronald Timothy, Reed Akira Denny,  
 Michael Lambert, Audrey June (Denny)  
 Lambert & Joe Nelson Denny.

Picture taken 1999 at their 50th Wedding  
 Anniversary.



Audrey June Denny Lambert  
 wearing her NSDAR ribbon with  
 18 approved Rev'l War Patriots.



L to R: Richard Lewis Denny & Joe Nelson Denny



Ronald, Joe & Audrey June Denny



L to R: Geraldine (Loftis Denny holding her daughter, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert; Tim Denny holding his son Ronald Timothy Denny. Picture taken ca. 1954.



Richard, Audrey June & Ronald Denny



Tim, Joe Nelson & Geraldine Denny



Geraldine, Richard Lewis & Audrey June Denny



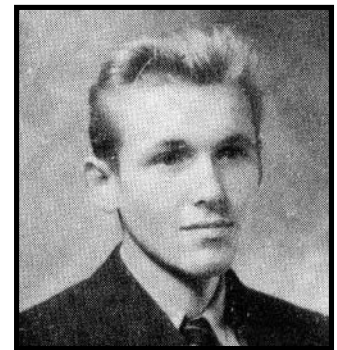
Ronald & Joe Denny



Sitting: Tim & Geraldine; Standing: Richard, Ronald, Audrey June & Joe Denny



Geraldine & Audrey June Denny



Senior picture in the Baxter Seminary, Putnam Co., TN, Highlander 1942 yearbook. "Haste makes Waste."



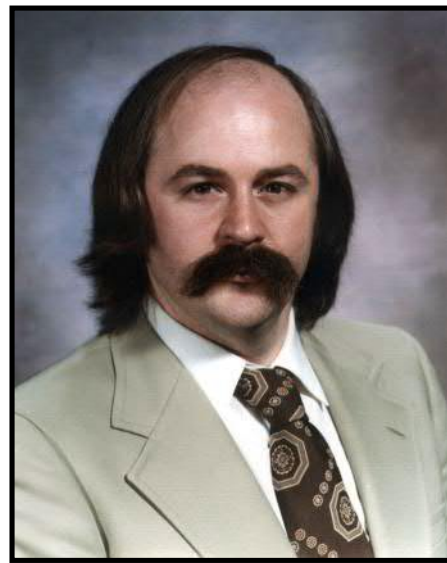
Richard, Ronald, June, Joe, Geri & Tim Denny



Audrey June & Ronald, Richard, Joe, Geraldine & Tim Denny



Ronald Timothy Denny



Richard Lewis Denny



Audrey June (Denny) Lambert



Joe Nelson Denny



Grant Teiji Ronald Denny & Reed Akira Timothy Denny

**Source Information:**

Social Security Administration. Social Security Death Index, Master File. Orem, UT: Ancestry, Inc., 2000.

Database: Social Security Death Index

February 21, 2004

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| Name                | Birth Date  | Death Date | Last Residence                                                                |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TIM DENNY</b>    | 25 May 1923 | 1 Aug 2001 | 23575 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI - Church of Christ Care Center |
| (City,County,State) | Issued      | SSN        |                                                                               |
| TN (Before 1951 )   | 410-30-6787 |            |                                                                               |

Name: **GERALDINE DENNY**

SSN: 411-46-4676

Last Residence: 23575 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI - Church of Christ Care Center

Born: 25 Oct 1930

Last Benefit:

Died: 16 Jan 2002

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



Tim &amp; Geri Denny

Census: 1930 – Civil District 11 – Putnam Co., TN – Line 25 - Ancestry.com image: 15

Dwl: 144 – Family: 145

**Denny, Virgil** Head 45 M W Md (33 yrs. old at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) (Owns Land)- (Radio) – (Family lives on a Farm) (Could read & write) TN TN TN**Denny, Audra** Wife 31 F W Md (19 yrs. old at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) (Could read & write) TN TN TN**Denny, Timothy** Son 6 M W Single TN TN TN1930 CENSUS – PUTNAM CO., TN – DIST. 7 – Double Springs

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 md Joann Pendergrass*)Jack D Loftis Son M W 1 Single TN TN TN (*Jack Douglas Loftis md Joyce Burns*)1900 census 8<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 57 Family: 57

**Bussell, Thomas** Head 52 M W February 1848 Married (16 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN**Bussell, Sarah** Wife 39 F W November 1860 39 Married (16 yrs. married) (10 children born, 8 children living) TN TN TN

Bussell, Susie Dau 17 F W May 1883 Single TN TN TN

Bussell, Marvin Son 14 M W July 1885 Single TN TN TN

**Bussell, Dibrell** Son M W 12 February 1888 Single TN TN TN (*Edgar Dibrell Bussell md Lou Siller Howell*)

Bussell, Patrick Son 9 M W June 1890 Single TN TN TN

Bussell, Virgel Son 6 M W July 1893 Single TN TN TN

Bussell, Ollie Son 4 M W June 1895 Single TN TN TN

Bussell, Ovie Dau 2 F W May 1898 Single TN TN TN

1910 census 8<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 44 Family: 44

Bussell, Marvin Head 24 M W Married1 (4 yrs. married) Farm laborer General Farm TN TN TN

Bussell, Susie B. Wife 24 F W Married1 (4 yrs. married) TN TN TN

1920 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 168 Family: 195 Line: 47

**Bussell, Edgar D.** Head Owns Home 32 M W Married Manager Shuttle Factory TN TN TN (*Edgar Dibrell Bussell md Lou Siller Howell*)**Bussell, Siller** Wife 28 F W Married TN TN TN**Bussell, Edna** Dau 7 F W Single TN TN TN (*Ina Edna Bussell md Lester Wayne Saylors*)Bussell, Lorelle Dau 2 F W Single TN TN TN (*Lorelle Bussell md Albert Dewel Butler*)

Bussell, Herman Brother 19 M W Single Cutter Shuttlemill TN TN TN

Howell, Shelia Cousin 21 Single Cutter Shuttlemill TN TN TN

1930 census –Civil Dist., 1, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN- Third Street, Cookeville Town, west of Walnut Street

Enumeration Dist: 71-26

700 Dwl: 213 Family: 232 Line: 66

**Bussell, Dibrel** Head Owns Home (2,500) 43 M W Married (24 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Partner in a Shuttlemill TN TN TN

**Bussell, Siller** Wife 37 F W Married (19 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

**Bussell, Edna** Dau 17 F W Single TN TN TN (*Ina Edna Bussell md Lester Wayne Saylor*)

Bussell, Lorelle Dau 12 F W Single TN TN TN (*Lorelle Bussell md Mr. Albert Dewel Butler*)

**Bussell, Eugene** Son 6 M W Single TN TN TN (*Eugene "Gene" Bussell md Geraldine Loftis Denny, divorced*).

**Bussell, Katie P.** Dau 3 6/12 F W Single TN TN TN (*Katie P. Bussell md Luke Leftwich*)

Bussell, Ruth Dau 1 2/12 F W Single TN TN TN

Tallent, Mary Mother 61 F W Widow TN TN TN

Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: pg. 182

**Edgar Dibrell Bussell** – b. 8 February 1888, TN – d. 14 April 1957 (*Edgar Dibrell Bussell md ca. 1912 Lou Siller Howell*)

**Lou Siller Bussell** – b. 8 November 1892, TN – d. 4 February 1978 (*Lou Siller Howell md Edgar Dibrell Bussell*)

**Katie Pearl Bussell Leftwich** – b. 20 October 1926, TN – d. 1 July 1953 (*Katie Bussell, d/o Edgar Dibrell Bussell & Lou Siller Howell.*

*Katie Bussell married Luke Leftwich. Luke Leftwich later md Joyce*).

**Virgil Timothy Denny** – b. 17 November 1884, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 28 November 1917, Silver Point, TN

**Audra Camilla Anderson Denny** – b. 9 February 1899, Silver Point, TN – d. 26 November 1990, Cookeville, TN

Shelia C. Howell – b. 20 August 1901 – md 28 December 1928 (*Shelia C. Howell was a cousin of Lou Siller Howell. Shelia md Ethel C.*)

Ethel C. Howell – b. 28 September 1909 (*nee Howell*).

Saylor's Cemetery, White Co., TN

**Lester Wayne Saylor**

**Ina Edna Bussell Saylor** – b. 4 January 1913, White Co., TN – d. Wednesday, 18 August 2004, Sparta, TN.

*Eugene "Gene" Bussell was the 1<sup>st</sup> husband of Geraldine (Loftis) Denny. Eugene was a member of the Tennessee Valley Playboys a country band. Eugene and Geraldine got divorced and she later md Tim Denny. Luther Eugene "Gene" Bussell was the s/o Edgar Dibrell Bussell & Lou Siller Howell. Edgar Dibrell Bussell was the son of Thomas & Sarah Bussell.*



#### Obituary of Edna Bussell Saylor

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN - 20 August 2004

COOKEVILLE - Edna Saylor

**COOKEVILLE** -- Funeral services for **Ina Edna Saylor**, 91, of Cookeville will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. **Burial will be in Saylor's Cemetery in White County, TN.**

The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Saylor died on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in Life Care Center of Sparta.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1913, in White County to the late **Dibrell and Siller Howell Bussell**. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist faith. She and her husband moved back to Tennessee from Michigan in 1973. They were active in the Cookeville Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Saylor served as an officer of the AARP Group and competed in the Senior Olympics. She was an avid photographer, crocheter of Afghans and maker of "Granny's Jelly."



Her family includes a daughter, **Betty Ritchie** of Cookeville; a sister, **Lorelle Butler** of Nashville; three grandchildren, **Karen Cameron** of Clinton Township, Mich., **John Duward II** and **Kirk Ritchie**, both of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; two great-grandchildren, **Amanda Cameron** and **Jacob Ritchie**; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, **Lester Wayne Saylor**; a sister, **Katie Bussell Leftwich**; and a brother, **Gene Bussell**. (*Edna Bussell Saylor is the sister of Eugene "Gene" Bussell who married Geraldine Loftis who later married Tim Denny.*

Memorial donations may be made to Hampton Crossroads Baptist Church, 101 Stallion Rd., Cookeville, Tenn. 38506; or P.U.P. (Prevent

L to R: Ina Edna (Bussell) Saylor, her husband Lester Wayne Saylor & their daughter, Betty (Saylor) Ritchie.



Unwanted Pets) c/o Lynn Mason, 1841 Anderson La., Cookeville, Tenn. 38501. Rev. Roger Cooper will officiate at the services.



L to R: Lou Siller (Howell) Bussell, mother, Katie Bussell, their daughter & Edgar Dibrell Bussell the father.



Lester Wayne Saylor & Betty (Saylor) Ritchie, w/o John J. Ritchie Sr.



Eugene "Gene" Bussell played with the Tennessee Wildcats & The Tennessee Valley Playboys



Tennessee Valley Playboys  
When they played country music, they were the 'Tennessee Valley Play Boys'; when they played popular, they were 'The Four Aces and a Deuce,' pictured here on a post card from the mid-1940's in the studios of Radio Station WHUB – from the left, front, Ward Beaty, who also performed as the group's comedian; and Horace Scarlett; and standing, Doyle and Deloy Lewis, the twins; Eugene "Gene"

**Bussell**

and Howard Bryant.

\*See the Story of

The Tennessee Valley Playboys

<http://www.ajalmbert.com>

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East – located: 38425 Garfield Road Clinton Township, Macomb Co., MI 48038

**Tim Denny** – b. 23 May 1923, Buffalo Valley, TN – d. 1 August 2001, Church of Christ Care Center, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI at 7:25 p.m. on a Wednesday.

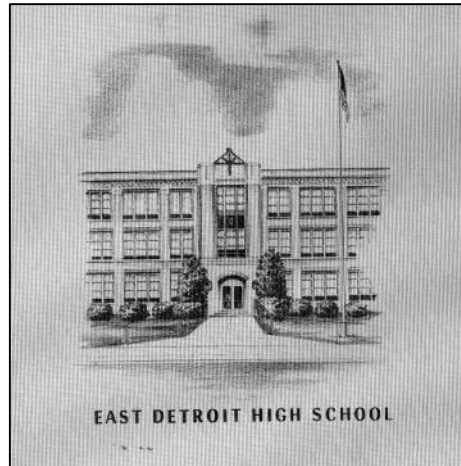
**Geraldine Loftis Denny** – b. 25 October 1930, Double Springs, TN – d. 17 January 2002, Church of Christ Care Center, Clinton Twp., Macomb Co., MI at 1:40 a.m. on a Thursday.

**Jack Douglas Loftis** – b. 10 November 1928, Double Springs, TN – d. Sunday, January 20, 2002, at Bi-County Hospital, Warren, MI (*brother of Geraldine Loftis Denny – children of Milton Otis Loftis & Essie Avo Jernigan*).

Tim & Geraldine lived for a while in Buffalo Valley, TN and moved to Michigan in 1953. They lived with Geraldine's family for a while and later moved to 23051 Donald St. in East Detroit (now called Eastpointe) MI. Around 1964 they moved a few blocks away and lived at 22483 Tuscany, East Detroit, MI. They lived here until year 2000 when they were moved to assisted living called American House. When Tim Denny became unable to live at American House, Tim and Geraldine went to live at the Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Twp., MI. This is where both Tim and Geraldine (Loftis) Denny passed away. They shared the same room and passed away in the same room. They both passed peacefully and live in heaven. Geraldine was a devoted Church of Christ member of the East Point Church of Christ. She was a Sunday School teacher and participated in many church activities. Tim and Geraldine used to visit the Church of Christ Care Center before they got sick themselves. Geraldine was a devoted mother and wife, she would do anything for her children. Tim Denny tried the best he could...he once told his daughter, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert that: "I wasn't the best father but I wasn't the worst."

The one thing that Geraldine Loftis Denny got to do that was a goal of hers was to go to night classes at East Detroit High School and get her high school diploma, she had quit high school when she was a teenager. She was very proud that she finally got to graduate from high school on 8 June 1979. This is the same school that her children attended. Two of her children graduated from this school, Audrey June Denny Lambert and Joe Nelson Denny.

<http://www.ajlambert.com>



#### House at 23575 Stewart St. in Warren, MI

After Milton Otis Loftis died John Ray & Jack Douglas were in charge of taking care of the family. John Ray went into the Navy and sent money back home to the family for support. Jack Douglas worked in town and helped his mother, Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis. They lived in Double Springs, TN for awhile and then moved to MI. The Loftis children were all married, their children and spouses all lived in this house on Stewart till they could find houses of their own. Essie Avo Loftis lived here with her children till she passed away.

Geraldine Loftis married Tim Denny. When they got sick they lived at the Church of Christ Care Center. The address at the Care Center had the same address as the house on Stewart St.; 23575. Audrey Burton her sister realized this comparison and told me about it when my mother, Geraldine Denny died.

Story by Audrey Lambert

CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER  
23575 15 MILE RD  
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48035

23575 STEWART ST.  
WARREN, MI

#### **TIM DENNY: US ARMY AIRFORCE: CPL US ARMY AIR FORCES WWII**

##### **ACTIVITY DURING WWII:**

AIRPLANE AND ENGINE MECHANIC. SERVED AT CAMP CHAFFEE, ARKANSAS; KEESLER FIELD, MISSISSIPPI. SERVED 15 MONTHS IN THE ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATER OF OPERATIONS WITH THE 152ND ARMY AIR FORCES BASE UNIT. SERVED PART OF THIS TIME WITH THE ARMY TRANSPORT COMMAND. APRIL 7, 1943 THROUGH MARCH 11, 1946. CORPORAL.

1. WWII Victory Medal
2. Philippine Liberation Ribbon
3. Good Conduct Medal
4. Asiatic Pacific Campaign
5. Marksman Badge W Rifle Bar
6. American Campaign Medal

#### **US WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938 -1946**

Name: Tim Denny  
Birth Year: 1923  
Race: White, citizen  
Nativity State or County: Tennessee  
State: Michigan  
County or City: Wayne  
Enlistment Date: 31 March 1943  
Enlistment State: Georgia  
Enlistment City: Fort Oglethorpe  
Branch: No branch assignment

Branch Code: No branch assignment

Grade: Private

Grade Code: Private

Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to the law.

Component: Selectees (Enlisted men)

Source: Civil Life

Education: 3 years of college

Civil: Student Codes 0x,2x,4x and 6x as pertain to students will be converted, for machine records purposes, to the code number 992.

Marital Status: Single, without dependents

Height: 22

Weight: 083

Source Information: National Archives and Records Administration. *US World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946* (database on-line). Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1938-1946 (Archival Database); World War II Army Enlistment Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 64; National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD.

Description: Ancestry.com: This database contains information on about 8.3 million men and women who enlisted in the US Army during WWII. Information contained in this database usually includes: name of enlistee, army serial number, residence (county and state), place of enlistment, enlistment date, grade, army branch, component, term of enlistment, birthplace, year of birth, race and citizenship, height and weights, education, and marital status.

**Luther Eugene “Gene” Bussell:** b. 17 January 1924, TN - d. 13 November 2001, Ringgold, GA, 77 years old.

WWII – EAME: Theater Ribbon 2 Bronze Stars, American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal:

Buried: Chattanooga National Cemetery, 1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, TN.

Location: CCC Grave 414, number on back of tombstone.

Luther Eugene “Gene” Bussell: PFC US ARMY

Veteran Service Dates: 15 July 1943 – 25 March 1946.

Date of Interment: 15 November 2001.

**Luther Eugene “Gene” Bussell** was a member of several country bands. Several that I know of: ‘Tennessee Valley Playboys’ & ‘The Four Aces and a Deuce & the ‘Wildcats.’ It was time when young guys were getting together and forming country bands here and there around the county. Gene sang and played the fiddle in the band.

Eugene married a woman named **Joann Daniels** before he went into the service for WWII. When he returned Joann and Eugene got a divorce.

Eugene then met my mother Geraldine Loftis probably at a local square dance or music hall and they became acquainted. They got married 8<sup>th</sup> October 1947 maybe in Rossville, GA where many couples went to get married. Geraldine was only 17 years old and Gene was 8 years her senior, he was 23. I obtained the certificate of marriage from Foye L. Johnson, Walker County Probate Judge, P.O. Box 436, LaFayette, GA 30728.

This certificate stated: Certificate of Marriage: State of GA, County of Walker: To any Judge, Magistrate, or Minister of the Gospel, you are hereby authorized to join **Luther Eugene Bussell** (age 23) and **Geraldine Loftis** (age 21) in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State and for so doing this shall be your License. And you are hereby required to return this License to me, with your Certificate hereon of the fact and date of the Marriage, within. Given under my hand and Seal, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1947, J. D. Keown, Ordinary, Judge of the Probate Court.

I Certify that Luther Eugene Bussell and Geraldine Loftis were joined in Matrimony by me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1947: Recorded November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1947, J. C. Keown, Ordinary, Judge of the Probate Court, **H. O. Bowman**, Party Performing Ceremony. This is to Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Marriage Record of Luther Eugene Bussell and Geraldine Loftis as it appears in my office in Marriage Record Book No. 36, Page 239. Witness my hand and Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005, Foye L. Johnson, Judge/Clerk, Probate Court, Walker Co., Georgia.

Geraldine & Gene’s marriage did not last very long, you could say it ended as quick as it began. Gene was traveling with his band and took up with a woman named **Geneva Patricia Miller**. Gene was in a bad car accident, the driver was killed and Gene was thrown out of the car. Geneva went to the hospital where Gene was being treated and demanded that he receive proper care from the injuries received from the car accident. Five children were produced from this union. They had a son named Robert David Bussell, his surname was changed to Johnson.

Geneva and Gene got a divorce. Geneva later married Sylanus Wade Johnson.

Sons--- Wayne Dibrel Johnson of Murfreesboro – Darrell Eugene Bussell, Robert David Johnson – Donald Marvin Johnson all of Woodbury, TN – 1 dau., Patricia Katie Bussell Rowland of Mt Juliet, TN. Geneva Patricia [Miller] Bussell later md Sylanus Wade Johnson. The

children had their names changed to Johnson. Darrell Bussell went to court and had his name changed back to Bussell, in order to give his father a grandson to carry on his lineage.

Gene married a 4<sup>th</sup> time to a woman named **Opal King**, no children were produced from this marriage.

Luther Eugene "Gene" Bussell was born 17 January 1924, Spring City, TN - d. 13 November 2001, Ringgold, GA, 77 years old of cancer and is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN. His 4<sup>th</sup> wife Opal (King) Bussell saved Gene's fiddle and passed it on to Gene's daughter Patricia "Pat" (Bussell) Rowland. I was told his old band buddy Howard Bryant came to Gene's funeral and the widow of Dodson Gentry. Dodson Gentry was at one time sheriff of Cookeville and Howard Bryant went to work for Billy Whitaker at Cream City, Cookeville TN in 1951 and stayed there for 40 years.

**Geraldine Loftis** went on to marry **Tim Denny**. Geraldine met Tim Denny at her sister-in-laws house Katie Bussel who md Luke Leftwich. Katie Bussel was a witness on the marriage certificate of Tim Denny & Geraldine Loftis in Bowling Green, OH.



Luke Leftwich Home: Located near Gentry and Big Indian Creek.  
Was built about 1850.

**Source:** Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 14 August 1944.

Pvt. Gene Bussell of Camp Maxey, Texas, has spent a 16-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Bussell, of Cookeville. Pvt. Bussell has been in the service since July 1943. He was stationed at Camp Hann, Calif., until his recent transfer to his present station. Before entering the service, Pvt. and Mrs. Bussell made their home in Detroit, Mich., where he was employed in defense work. He has his own hillbilly bands over radio stations WHUB and KRLD, Dallas, Texas.

**Source:** Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 16 October 1947, pg. 2:

**DOUBLE SPRINGS:**

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Pippin and Elizabeth Bias had as their Sunday afternoon guests, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hatcher and son, Harold, Mrs. Mattie Jernigan of Cookeville and Miss Jerry Jernigan of Benton, TN.

**Jack Loftis** of Old Hickory spent the weekend with his mother, **Mrs. Avo Loftis** and **Burton Loftis**.

**Misses Burton Loftis** and Daisy Walker spent Saturday morning with Miss Emogene Long in Cookeville.

Little **Brenda Gale Maxwell**, who has been very ill, is reported recovering.

(Brenda was the d/o Walter William Maxwell & Jewell Argenia "Genia" Jernigan, sister of Essie Avo (Jernigan) Loftis).

**Mrs. Avo Loftis** announces the marriage of her daughter, **Geraldine** to **Luther Eugene Bussell**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Dibrell Bussell**, Cookeville. The ceremony was solemnized in Rossville, GA, October 8. The bride and groom are making their home in Cookeville, TN.

**Source:** Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN, Thursday, front page, 3 November 1932:

**PUTNAM YOUTH GETS HIGH CORN YIELD:** **Tim Denny, son of Virgil Denny, of Buffalo Valley**, has made a good corn yield this year with Neal's Paymaster corn, under the direction of H. J. Childress, in the Putnam County Corn Club.

Young Denny made an average of 103 bushels to an acre, which is five times more than the average yield.

The Corn Club sponsors the newest methods of growing corn and the yield Mr. Denny got is an example of what the club has brought to Putnam County.

## **DETROIT INDUSTRIAL VEHICLE COMPANY (DIVCO)**

The original Divco milk truck resulted from an electric prototype built by George Bacon, chief engineer of Detroit Electric Car Co. Built in 1922 it had four driver positions, front, rear, and from the running boards on both sides. Three years later a separate company, Detroit Industrial Vehicle Co. was set up to market a gasoline-engine version. This went onto the market in 1926 as the "Divco", powered by a 4-cylinder Continental engine with Warner 4-speed transmission.

In 1968, The Divco-Wayne Corp. was acquired by Boise-Cascade, Inc., and delivery truck production was spun off to Highway Products, Inc., a company using the old Twin Coach plant in Kent, Ohio to build trucks and buses. Highway Products immediately resold the Divco line to Trainsairco, later Correct Manufacturing, a family of businesses owned by Glenn Way, in Delaware, Ohio. Down a year to move production from Detroit to Delaware, the Divco assembly line reopened in 1969 producing far fewer trucks annually.

**Note:** After DIVCO moved out of Detroit, Tim Denny got a job with the East Detroit School's Department.

### **Tim Denny Obt.**

b. 25 May 1923, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1 August 2001, Clinton Township, Macomb Co., MI, md on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1949, Bowling Green, OH to **Geraldine “Geri” (Loftis) Denny**, b. 25 October 1930, Double Springs, Putnam Co., TN – d. 17 January 2002, Clinton Township, Macomb Co., MI, d/o **Milton Otis Loftis** (1905-1934) & **Essie Avo Jernigan** (1901-1962), both buried in Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN. Tim Denny, s/o **Virgil Timothy Denny** (1884-1949) & **Audra Camilla Anderson** (1899-1990), both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN. Tim & Geraldine Denny, both buried in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI.

**MICHIGAN** -- Funeral services for Tim Denny, 78, of Clinton Township, Mich., formerly of Buffalo Valley, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, from the chapel of Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Rd., Clinton Township, Mich. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3-9 p.m. today, Sunday, Aug. 5, at the funeral home.

Mr. Denny died on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, in Clinton Township.

He was born on May 25, 1923, in Buffalo Valley to the late Virgil and Audra Anderson Denny. He was retired from the East Detroit School System Maintenance Dept., after many years of service.

His family includes his wife, Geraldine Loftis Denny; a daughter and son-in-law, Audrey June and Michael Lambert; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Timothy and Leslie Denny, Richard Lewis Denny, and Joe Nelson Denny; and two grandchildren, Reed Timothy Akira Denny and Grant Ronald Teiji Denny.

Information supplied by Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Published August 04, 2001 5:27 PM CDT

### **Tim Denny Obt.#2**

Tim Denny, age 78, died August 1, 2001 at the Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Twp., MI. Beloved husband of Geraldine. Dear father of Ronald Timothy (Leslie) Denny, Richard Lewis Denny, Audrey June (Michael) Lambert and Joe Nelson Denny. Loving grandfather of Reed Timothy Akira Denny and Grant Ronald Teiji Denny. Mr. Denny was retired from the East Detroit School System maintenance Department after many years of service. Visitation Sunday 3-9 p.m. at Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes (S. of 18 mile), Clinton Twp. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. Burial Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery, Clinton Twp., MI.

Detroit Free Press Newspaper, Detroit, MI – August 2001

### **Geraldine (Loftis) Denny Obt.**

**MICHIGAN** – Funeral services for Geraldine Loftis Denny, 71, of Clinton Township, MI, formerly of the Double Springs Community of Putnam County, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 21, from the chapel of Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Rd., Clinton Township, MI. (586) 412-3000. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, in Clinton Township.

The family will receive friends from 3-9 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Denny died on Thursday, January 17, 2002, in Clinton Township.

She was born on October 25, 1930, in Double Springs to the late Milton Otis and Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Audrey June and Michael Lambert; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Timothy and Leslie Denny, Richard Lewis and Joe Nelson Denny.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Tim Denny, who died on August 1, 2001

Chaplain Jerry Starling will officiate at the services.

Information provided by Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN – January 18, 2002

### **Geraldine (Loftis) Denny Obt. #2**

DENNY, GERALDINE, Age 71, formerly from Double Springs, Tennessee. Died January 17, 2002 in Clinton Township. Born October 25, 1930. Survived by her children Audrey (Michael) Lambert, Ronald Timothy (Leslie) Denny, Richard Lewis Denny and Joe Nelson Denny; two grandchildren Reed Timothy Akira and Grant Ronald Teiji Denny. Predeceased by her husband Tim, and her parents Milton and Essie Loftis.

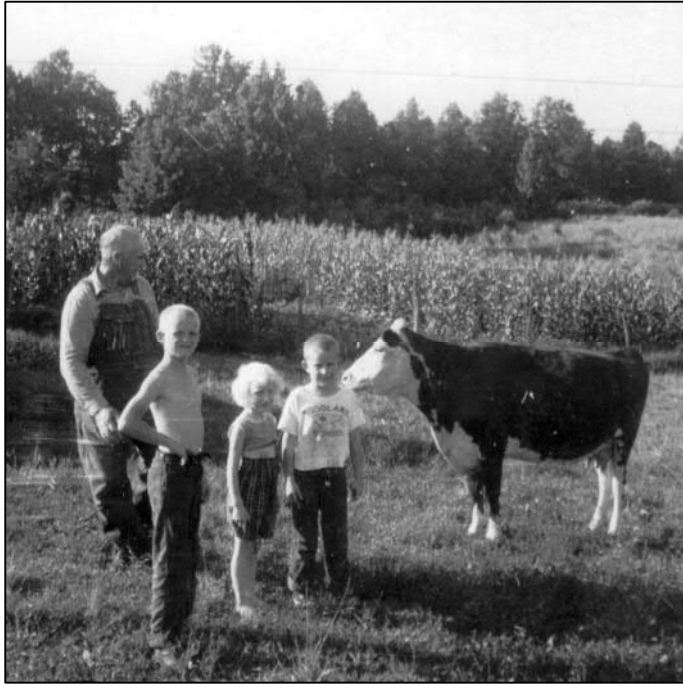
Funeral Service 11 a.m. Monday at Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Rd., Clinton Township, with Chaplain Jerry Starling officiating. Burial Cadillac Memorial

Gardens East, Clinton Township. Visitation 3-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Detroit Free Press Newspaper – January 20, 2002

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<http://www.ajlambert.com>



L to R: Shown on the farm of Floyd Witherson Shanks,  
Ronald Timothy Denny, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert &  
Richard Lewis Denny.