

**Amanda Serene (Denney) Dietz – Death Cert.**  
md Samuel Milton Dietz  
d/o John Smith Denney & Nancy Henrietta Carlen

Death Certificate: Amanda Serene Dietz: Putnam Co.,– Dist. 1, Cookeville, TN, pg. 8102 – white female, age 76 – b. April 15, 1868, Putnam Co., TN – died April 14, 1945. Father: John Smith Denney – born DeKalb Co., TN md Nancy Carlen – born Putnam Co., TN. Informant: Carl Dietz, Cookeville, TN. “I attended December 18, 1944 to April 14, 1945. Death at 5 p.m. of Cerebral hemorrhage due to arteriosclerosis.” W.A. Howard, MD, Cookeville, TN. Burial in Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN.

*\*See Chapter 5 for complete family listing – Amanda Serene Denney at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>*

**Amanda Serena Lee (Denny) Dietz Obt.**

b. 15 April 1868, Rock Springs, TN - d. 14 April 1945, TN, md **Samuel Milton Dietz**, b. 19 March 1848, Cincinnati, OH - d. 1 July 1920, Cookeville, TN. Amanda Serena Lee (Denny) Dietz, d/o **John Smith Denny** (1827-1912) & **Nancy Henrietta Carlen** (1846-1920).

Mrs. Amanda Dietz Dies At Home of Son, Dave Dietz:

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Dietz, 77, were conducted Sunday, April 15, at the Methodist Church by Rev. Dow Ensor.

Mrs. Dietz passed away at the home of her son, Dave M. Dietz. She had been a member of the Methodist Church of Cookeville since early girlhood. She was one of Cookeville’s oldest residents, having moved here with her husband, S. M. Dietz, at the age of 17. To this union were born seven children, three of whom survive, Harry, Carl and Dave Dietz, all of Cookeville. She leaves 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also three brothers, W. T. Denny, J. R. Denny and Toy Denny, of Buffalo Valley, and one sister, Mrs. Tony Evans, of Scottsville, KY.

Burial was in the City Cemetery.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 26 April 1945.

**George Edward Dietz Obt.**

b. 24 March 1929, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 August 2011, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1961 to **Mary Ann (Pharris) Dietz**. George Edward Dietz, s/o **Henry “Harry” Denny Dietz** (1887-1980) & **Emma Jane Bilbrey** (1896-1985).

George Edward Dietz, age 82, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Cookeville Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. The family has chosen cremation.



A Memorial Service will be conducted at a later date.

Mr. Dietz was born March 24, 1929, in Putnam County, TN to the late Harry Denny and Emma Bilbrey Dietz.

George worked many years at Acme Boot Company and later in the janitorial services until his retirement. He served his country in the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War as a combat engineer. He was of the Methodist faith.

George was a loving husband, cherished father and grandfather. His pride was spoiling his fifteen grandchildren and his seventeen great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Mary Ann Pharris Dietz of Cookeville, two sons and daughters-in-law: John & Toynia Dietz of Cookeville and Stanley and Jo Ellen Dietz of Algood, two daughters and sons-in-law; Lori and Duane Barb of Shelbyville, and Jane and Tony Bartlett of Cookeville, brothers and sisters-in-law: Eugene & Emogene Dietz of Nashville, Walter Dietz of Cookeville, Kenneth Dietz of Monterey and Lex Dietz of Cookeville and a sister; Bonnie Baker of Dayton, OH. Fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Charlie, Paul and Horace Dietz.

Arrangements by Cookeville Funeral Home, Cookeville, TN.

**Harry Denny Dietz – Obt.**

Dispatch, March 4, 1980, Cookeville, TN, md **Emma Jane Bilbrey**. Harry Denny Dietz, s/o **Samuel Milton Dietz & Amanda Serene Denney**

Harry Denny Dietz, 92 died Saturday, March 1, 1980 at Cookeville General Hospital. Mr. Dietz was a native of Putnam County, TN. He was the son of Samuel Milton and Amanda Serene Dietz.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Emma Jane Bilbrey Dietz; 7 sons, Shelah Paul Dietz, Walter Milton Dietz, George Edward Dietz, William Kenneth Dietz and Lex Dyer Dietz, all of Cookeville, Cecil Eugene Dietz of Nashville, and Horace Dewitt Dietz of Dayton, OH; a daughter, Bonnie Baker of Dayton, OH; 16 gr ch; 6 gr gr ch.

Services will be held Tuesday, March 4 in the chapel of Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home. Rev. Roy J. West and Rev. John Reed Cox will conduct the service.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Russell, Mike, Steve, Charles, Burton, and Fronz Dietz.

Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

**Harry Denny Dietz Obt.**

**COOKEVILLE** – Funeral services for Harry Denny Dietz, 92, will be conducted at the chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home Tuesday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Roy J. West and Rev. Jim Reed Cox officiating.

Mr. Dietz died March 1, in the local hospital.

He was a native of Putnam County, the son of the late Samuel Milton and Amanda Serenia Denny Dietz. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Jane Bilbrey Dietz; seven sons, Shela Paul Dietz, Walter Milton Dietz, George Edward Dietz, William Kenneth Dietz and Lex Dyer Dietz, all of Cookeville, Cecil Eugene Dietz of Nashville, and Horace Dewitt Dietz of Dayton, OH; a daughter, Bonnie Baker of Dayton, OH; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are his grandsons Russell, Mike, Steve, Charles, Burton, and Fronz Dietz.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 3 March 1980.

**Samuel Milton Dietz**

b. 19 March 1848, Cincinnati, OH - d. 1 July 1920, Cookeville, TN. (*Artist – Painter – Mechanic, died of Bright's Disease*). Samuel Milton Dietz md on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 1885, Chestnut Mound, Smith Co., TN to

**Amanda Serena Lee (Denny) Dietz**, b. 15 April 1868, Rock Springs, TN - d. 14 April 1945, TN, d/o **John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen**.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Smith Co., TN, pg. 69: Samuel M. Dietz married 5 April 1885, Smith Co., TN to Amanda Denny).

Siblings of Amanda Serena Lee (Denny) Dietz are: Sarah Frances Denny md Henry Fields; Mary Catherine Denny; Elizabeth Ann Denny md Pollard R. Hoover; William "Willie" Timothy Denny md Verna B. Maxwell, Mary Belle Welch & Effie D. Rippetoe; Tammy "Tony" Eudora Denny md Dempster Ballard & Joseph Bethel Evans; James Edgar Denny; John Rankin Denny md Ada Scruggs & Norma Carr; Hugh Toi Denny md Martha Ann Huddleston; Minnie Denny & Cynthia Denny.

Samuel Milton Dietz & Amanda S. Denny had the following children: **Donnie Paul Dietz**, b. 29 January 1886, Cookeville, TN – d. 1936; **Henry “Harry” Denny Dietz**, b. 26 September 1887, Putnam Co., TN - d. 1 March 1980, Cookeville, TN – *Farmer* md 29 September 1913, Cookeville, TN - **Emma Jane Bilbrey**, b. 19 January 1896, Salem, TN, d/o Richard Poteet Bilbrey & Mary Elizabeth Whiteaker. Both buried: Both Buried: Salem Methodist Church Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN; **Nellie Foster Dietz**, b. 8 May 1889, Elmwood, TN – d. ca. 1936, Buried: +Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN md 21 February 1915, Monterey, TN, **William Luther Stamps**, b. 4 September 1889, Monterey, TN – *Supt. Metal Co.*; **William Carlen “Carl” Dietz**, b. 22 October 1892, Rock Springs Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 29 August 1983 - *Engineer, Cookeville Power Plant* – md 1<sup>st</sup> 22 March 1915, Cookeville, TN, **Mary “Mollie” Jane Stamps**, b. 3 August 1897, KS – d. 8 February 1928, Salem, TN: Buried: Salem, Putnam Co., TN - md 2<sup>nd</sup> 19 August 1928, Cookeville, TN, **Gladys Jewel Smith** – b. 8 December 1912, Falling Water, Putnam Co., TN - d. 20 March 1988: William & Gladys Dietz buried in +Crest Lawn Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN; **Mary Stephenson Dietz**, b. 11 April 1895, Cookeville, TN – d. 23 October 1901, TN – Buried: +Cookeville City Cemetery, TN; **Charles Sumner Dietz** – b. 23 December 1897, Cookeville, TN - d. 29 January 1905, TN – Buried: +Cookeville City Cemetery, TN; **David Melton Dietz**, b. 26 July 1905, Cookeville, TN – d. 2 April 1994 – md **Maude Davis** - (1909 – 2004), d/o Wm. Albert Davis & Della Mott.

(1900 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 519 – **Samuel M. Dietz** is head of household, 52 yrs. old, b. March 1848, OH (father born in NC, mother, KY), Occupation: House Painter, md 15 yrs. to **Amanda L.**, 33 yrs. old, b. April 1867, TN, 6 children born, 6 children living. Children: Donnie P., 13 yrs. old, b. January 1887; Harry D., 12 yrs. old, b. September 1888; Nellie F., 10 yrs. old, b. May 1890; Will C., 7 yrs. old, b. October 1892; Mary S., 5 yrs. old, b. April 1895 & Charles S. Deitz, 2 yrs. old, b. December 1898. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Dist., Broad St., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 92 – **Sam M. Deatz** is head of household, 62 yrs. old, OH, Occupation: Painter House, md 26 yrs. to **Amanda L.**, 45 yrs. old, TN, 7 children born, 6 children living. Children: Paul, 24 yrs. old, Occupation: Merchant Groceries; Harry, 22 yrs. old, Occupation: Salesman Retail Grocery; Nellie, 20 yrs. old; William C., 17 yrs. old & David M. Deatz, 4 yrs. old. All born in TN).

**Walter Milton Dietz Obt.**

b. 7 November 1916, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN – d. 4 September 2012, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md 10 June 1946, **Lois (Sliger) Dietz** –d. February 2003, TN. Walter Milton Dietz, s/o **Henry “Harry” Denny Dietz** (1887-1980) & **Emma Jane Bilbrey** (1896-1985).

**COOKEVILLE** -- Memorial services for Walter M. Dietz, 95, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the chapel of Cookeville Funeral Home.

Family will receive friends Saturday from 1 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mr. Dietz died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Cookeville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN: 7 September 2012

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Amanda, Elizabeth & Tammy/Tonia Denny – daughters of John Smith Denny & Nancy Henrietta Carlen.  
Courtesy of Hugh Wayne Denny



#### **ARMY T-5 WALTER M. DIETZ**

Army T-5 Walter M. Dietz is the *Herald-Citizen* Veteran of the Week. He served from March of 1942 to September of 1945 in the Battle of the Bulge Ardennes with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Africa, Italy, England and Holland.

For more information about the Putnam County Veteran Hall, call (931) 520-0042.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 15 March 2011, front page.

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