

## MARTHA NAOMA DENNY BUTTREY LEWIS

Martha b. February 14, 1926, the first child of Rupert and Martha Dowlen Denny, and great great granddaughter of Jonathan and Agnes Winfree Denny, pioneers of the area before it was Putnam County. After her mother labored three days and nights, she was finally born at St. Thomas hospital in Nashville. Her mother always said she was the most beautiful baby she ever had because she was breach. When still a baby her parents moved to their farm on Mansker Creek, Goodlettsville, TN. She attended the local elementary school and had the same 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher as her father. She can describe the big house in intimate detail and tells numerous stories of life on the farm, and travel by car or train to visit the Denny relatives in Cookeville. During her teens, she lived in Old Hickory and attended DuPont High. She was working for Southern Bell telephone when she met Paul Rodney Buttrey b.13 October 1923. Paul had enlisted with the Marines, served in the Pacific Theater, and had been honorably discharged. They married 10 August 1946; moved to Donelson and started a family. Patricia 'Patty' Lee b. 17 May 1947, John Rodney b.13 September 1951, Thomas Rodger b.13 May 1953 and Donald Robert b. 1 November 1956. The family was very active in the Methodist Church and the community. Paul, employed by Reynolds Aluminum, accepted a transfer to Marietta GA in 1962. Martha transferred with Southern Bell. She later worked for the Cobb County School District from which she retired.

Patty married Paul McBurnett, children born to them are Patrick Lee b. 18

October 1964, and Paula Elizabeth b. 14 September 1967. Patty and Paul divorced. She

m. Walter Granger and their son is Eric Christopher b. 23 March 1974. Patty d. 20

May 1997 of a brain stem aneurysm. Patrick m. 3 June 1990 Jill Fairchild, their daughters are

Jamie Casey b. 6 September 1992 and Marissa Zoe b 8 August 1995. Patrick and Jill divorced.

Paula m. 26 May 1994 Jon Neal Colegrove, their children are, Paige Elizabeth b 29 September 1995 and Patricia Lee b. 6 June 1999.

John m. 31 October 2001 Rebecca Frazier of a prominent Atlanta family.

John owns JB Productions, a multimedia company in Atlanta.

Tom m. Nancy Sue Denmark and their children are Melissa Denmark b. 19 October 1972 and Thomas Rodger Jr. b. 2 February 1981. Home Depot employs Tom Sr..

Melissa and Bryon Sampson are the parents of Anthony Jake b. 30 June 1997 and Annabelle Marjorie b. 2003. The children have hyphenated last names Buttrey-Sampson.

Don has not married. He is self-employed creating audiovisual productions.

Martha and Paul divorced she m. 22 July 1966 Charles Eugene 'Gene' Lewis b 27 April 1927.

They are the parents of Lucille "Lucy" Elizabeth Lewis, b. 13 December 1968. Lucy is employed in medical services.

Gene is a Navy veteran, served in WWII aboard the USS Morale and received the Purple Heart. He spent four decades in the paint business before joining Home Depot. His contribution to the success of Home Depot in Atlanta is documented in *Built from SCRATCH*.

Gene died 14 July 2006, of a heart attack.

Paul d. February 1982, in Nashville TN, of a heart attack.

Martha's children live in the suburbs of Atlanta, her grandchildren and great grandchildren live in Georgia, and Missouri.

Story by: Donald Buttrey



SCHOOL DAYS

Martha Naoma



Paul and Martha Buttrey



Martha's children  
Patty Tom Don Jon and Lucy  
in center



Gene Lewis

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I am the youngest son of Martha Denny Buttrey Lewis  
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