

MARY NELL DENNY/ JOHN EDWARD DAVIS FAMILY

Mary, the second daughter of Rupert and Martha Dowlen Denny, is the great great granddaughter of Jonathan and Agnes Winfree Denny, pioneers of Putnam County.

Mary was b. 19 March 1928; during her youth, she resided with family on Mansker Creek, Goodlettsville, TN, and attended local elementary school. She tells loving stories of life on the farm and trips to Cookeville to visit Denny relatives. One of the favorite stories is dinning at Aunt Minnie (Denny) Jared's; being unaccustomed to table napkins she informed her father that someone had left their handkerchief on her plate. During her teens she lived in Old Hickory and attended DuPont High. She babysat and worked at the neighborhood grocery store to save money to buy a pair of boot skates, and has since been on a roll.

She met John "Jack" Edward Davis, b. 27 April 1928, through a friend, and they m. 12 November 1948. Jack's Army service was complete, but due to the Korean War he was listed as active reserve. Their son Ronald Fred was b. 5 June 1949 and they were expecting their second child when Jack received eleven days training and was shipped to Japan. Mary moved home and Edward Neal was b. 30 April 1951. When Jack returned he gained employment with Pittsburgh Plate Glass and was transferred to Grand Rapids, MI, while living there, Jeffrey Eugene b. 5 May 1955. Returning to Tennessee, they settled in Donelson, and Cary Ross was b. 1 October 1964. It was here they raised their sons and continued to reside. Mary worked for the Metro School District for several years and Jack stayed in the glass business until retirement. They remained active in the Baptist church and community service until shortly before Jack's death 30 June 2007.

Ron m. 21 November 1981 Sandra Faye Meyers, they are the parents of Jeremy Fred b. 10 September 1982, and Joshua Daniel b. 11 April 1984. Jeremy m. 29 May 2005 Jennifer Hedgecoth, their daughter Jacey Grace was b.14 March 2007. Josh m. 17 June 2006 Penny Meredia Proctor, her son Nathan Proctor is by her first marriage.. Ed m. 9 June 1972 Renell Weiss, they are the parents of Jesse Edward b. 12 April 1976 and

Andrew Neal b. 03 April 1978. Ed and Renell divorced, he m. 4 March 1982 Shirley Ann Mitchell. Jesse m. Cassandra Halliday and their son Aidan Carter b. June 16 2003. Jesse and Cassandra divorced, and he m. 25 May 2007 Leslye Stovall. Jeff m. Bonita Kay Brown 25 October 1975, their children are Karla Renell b. 30 May 1976 and Clayton Eugene b. 31 May 1985. Karla m. 26 September 1997 Kenneth Edward Kennedy, their children are Kassie Rhea b. 14 June 1999 and Kolson Edward b. 5 November 2004. Jeff and Bonita divorced. Ross m. 20 May 1985 Kimberly Dixon born to them Jonathan Wade on 12 Nov. 1985 and Matthew Sean b. 18 October 1988. Ross and Kim divorced. Ron is employed with Nashville Metro Transportation. Ed and Jeff are with the Nashville Fire Department; Ed is a Captain and Jeff a first responder. Ross is career Army currently serving in South Korea.

This family all lives in close proximity.



Mary Nell Denny



Mary and husband Jack Davis



Mary husband Jack sons Ron Ross
Jeff and Ed

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Sources: Jeff is the son of Mary Nell Denny and John "Jack" Davis all information is from personal knowledge.

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