

William Albert Tucker and Icie Pearl Dunham were married December 20, 1920 and they are the parents of Christine Yates, Robert Tucker, deceased, Kirby Tucker, deceased, and Emogene O'Neil. They have 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 6 great-greats.

Mr. Tucker was in the saw mill business. He owned his own mill and was the 'sawyer'. Mrs. Tucker worked outside the home some of the time, mostly in the mills. They lived a number of years near Bradford Mill and all of her 96 years have been spent within a 15 mile radius in Coosa and Tallapoosa Counties. Mr. Tucker died June 4, 1966.

Icie Pearl is a member of New Providence Baptist Church in Tallapoosa County. She gets a lot of attention from her surviving children, most of her grands and greatgrands and friends who realize that she is a very special lady. *Submitted by: Sidney Yates, Kellyton, AL and Written by: The family*  
Source: From family history

## The Harold Turner Family

Of all the people you know, can you think of real couple and yet real individuals? My nomination would be Harold and Etoie Turner. They became a couple early in life and have remained so, while developing their own interests.

The paths of Etoie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Colley and Harold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Audie Turner crossed about the time they were heading to high school and it didn't take long for them to decide that being together was the most important part of their lives. Togetherness, however, was interrupted by Harold's military service at Fort Knox, Ky., and in Korea. Sgt. Turner saw service at White Horse Mountain and Kumhwa Valley in Korea.

Etoie dealt with Harold's absence by preparing for her profession as a beautician at Stephens Beauty Academy in Montgomery, eventually opening The Smart Beauty Shop, Kellyton's first. It was here that Etoie operated not only the first but the best Beauty Shop in the area AND the first real concentration of news. How could she help but report some of it?

On completing his military duty, Harold resumed his education including a business course at Reynolds Business College in Sylacauga.

With these preliminaries taken care of, Harold and Etoie led very involved lives in their work, family, civic and church involvement.

Home has been a very important aspect with its upkeep and enhancement includ-



*Etoie and Harold Turner*

ing gardening to provide beauty and interest year round. Entertaining family and friends were also stressed as was seasonal decorations to delight the children of area. How they loved the different decorations especially at Christmas time.

Kellyton Methodist Church was their family church. They served in all aspects of church life such as teaching, leadership and service and their participation resulted in the beautiful, active, caring body that it is today.

Community involvement included PTA, Home Demonstration Club and any activities in which their children took part. They continue to be active in the lives of their children and granddaughter, Janice and husband Ronald Jordan and Andrea, also son, James who is following his father's footsteps as an employee of the State of Alabama.

It is hard to imagine the Alexander City Outlook without the Kellyton News by Etoie, who has been a faithful scribe of the events of the Kellyton area long enough to be considered a fixture. She was probably influenced in her writing interest by her mother who did some reporting herself.

TOGETHER they combine their love of people and travel with their craftiness to make their Craft specialties available to the public in a wide area.

Harold's wooden reindeer which are known far and wide as well as his 'sweet gum ball poodles', corncob back scratchers, and Grandpa's weather rock. Etoie makes angels from the seed pods of magnolia, okra and others. They are a popular item these days. Not one to ignore new ideas, they now propagate and sell Angel Trumpets in a big way.

Etoie was born in Elmore County and later moved with her family to Alexander City who then settled in Kellyton while Harold was reared in the Keno community. *Submitted by: Ben Carlton*

## Roy Lawrence and Fannie B. Bryant Turney

Our Father, Roy Lawrence Turney, was born in Coosa County on July 20, 1904 to John Henry and Annie Othelia Arrington Turney. Our Mother, Fannie B. Bryant Turney was born in Coosa County on June 2, 1913 to Jessie and Annie Blankenship Bryant. They were married on December 4, 1927. They set up housekeeping in the Unity Community but moved to the home place on the Rockford Highway in 1945. Our Dad spent many years doing carpentry and plumbing work in and around Coosa County. He was well known for his trade. Our Mother was very busy raising three children. We were all raised in a Christian home and we attended the Grimes Chapel and New Site Baptist Churches. One of the most important



*Roy Lawrence and Fannie B. Bryant Turney*

things we all remember about our growing up years is the family get togethers. We were always having a big dinner at some family members house. It wasn't necessarily a Holiday, or someone's Birthday. Our family was always so very close. It was important to our parents that we have and maintain a closeness with one another. It's so hard to carry on this tradition when families move long distances, but we can look back and remember most vividly that we grew up in a home with loving, caring parents who taught us the values in life. We never realized just how much you could miss anyone as much as we miss them both.

Our Mother passed away on March 3, 1992. We have missed her so very much. Our Father passed away on February 1, 1995. Roy and Fannie B. had four children, William Jessie Turney, an infant son born 1-20-1929, died 2-19-1929, Jeanette Turney Thomas, born April 5, 1930, Beatrice Turney Smith, born July 28, 1934, and Rebecca Ann Turney Matthews, born April 13, 1946.

There are six grandchildren, Sherry Lynn Matthews Parrett, Carolyn Denise Matthews Adams, Larry Gilbert Thomas, Stanley Wayne Thomas and Belinda Smith Redd and one grandchild, James David Smith III, born May 10, 1959, who is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Sylacauga. There are nine great-grandchildren, Andrew Christian and Bridgett Rochelle Parrett, Brandon Cain Adams, LeAnn Thomas Chapman, Stephanie, Brian, and baby Alyssa Thomas, Tyler and Morgan Redd.

It gives us great pleasure to submit this story in Memory of Roy L. and Fannie B. Turney. *Submitted by: Jeanette Turney Thomas, Beatrice Turney Smith, and Rebecca Ann Turney Matthews.*  
Source: Personal Knowledge

## Claude Ollius Vardaman

He liked Ike, loved Sue, and worshipped the Lord

Thus begins a fitting Tribute to Claude Ollius Vardaman by the First Methodist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, where he was a member for 66 years until his death, March 20, 1992.

Claude, longtime chairman of the Alabama State Republican Party, a position he first ascended to in 1942 after serving six years as Young Republican Chairman, was instrumental in convincing General Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower to run for the Presidency in 1952. In 1951 he journeyed to Paris, France, to urge General Eisenhower, then retiring as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe (SHAFE), to permit his name to be submitted to the Republican National Convention as a candidate