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LTC James Ralph Etheridge Sr.

A true American Hero

Reported by: Lauren Miller, Kaitlyn Doran, and Ryan Robichaud

Lt. Col. James Ralph Etheridge Sr., commonly referred to as “Ralph” by his family and friends, was born October 23, 1932 on the family property known as “the Etheridge Homeplace” located in Milledgeville, Georgia.

His parents bought the 13-acre property for \$3,000 in the early 1930s.

To this day, members of the Etheridge family still reside on the property.



Unfortunately, at the age of 35, Lt. Col. Etheridge was taken from his family and friends too soon. He died in the Tuyen Duc province of Vietnam due to an engine failure on a UH-1D also known as a “Huey” resulting in a helicopter crash on February 23, 1968.

Etheridge attended Georgia Military College Preparatory School and in 1953 went on to receive his undergraduate degree from Mercer University in Macon, GA. He joined the Army. After he was commissioned, he was assigned to the Infantry Branch.

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Univ 53 2lt Inf USAR 8 June 53 to Maj AUS 19 June 63 RA 2lt
Inf 22 Dec 53 D/R 23 Oct 53 to Capt 23 Oct 60 PL 17136**

Many sources spoke of his strong leadership; it was no surprise he quickly rose in the ranks making lieutenant colonel in his thirties.

Etheridge served as the unit commander on his last assignment in Vietnam and was attached to MACV or the Military Assistance Command Team 32 in– Gia Nghia.

Some of his other assignments included working at headquarters with civilian advisors at MACV and as Ranger Qualified Operations & Training Staff Officer.

Etheridge's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Airborne Badge, and Ranger Tab.



Pictured is Ray on the left and Ralph on the right

Lt. Col. James R. Etheridge had three siblings: Carlton Oliver or “Ollie” Etheridge Jr., Lillian Etheridge Winn, and his twin brother, Ernest Ray Etheridge. Ralph was 10 minutes older than his twin brother, making Ernest Ray the baby of the Etheridge family.

Etheridge was born on the family property. However, nothing still stands of the house he was conceived and raised in except a chimney. The family built a new house on the property.



When they were 7 years old, their father, Carlton Oliver Etheridge Sr., passed away leaving his mother to raise Ralph and his siblings.

Their mother, Mattie Etheridge, wanted a better life for her children, however, she could not afford to send the boys to Georgia Military College until an aunt offered to pay for their education.



According to FindaGrave.com, Etheridge was married to Flara Folendore Etheridge and together they had two children: James Ralph Etheridge Jr. (deceased) and Michael Ray Etheridge.

While Ralph served in the Army, his twin brother Ray served in the Navy. Neither of them were drafted. Ray met Dot Etheridge five years before Ralph went off to Vietnam. The couple married.



On May 5, 2021, Mrs. Dot Etheridge, 93, recalled the memories of James Ralph and his twin brother Ernest Ray (her late husband). They married five years before the helicopter crash. When asked, “What is one thing you specifically remember about Ralph,” she said that he was one of the kindest people she had ever met. He treated her children as if they were his own children.

Pictured to the left is Ernest Ray Etheridge. He died two and half years ago after complications from open-heart surgery.

Pictured below is the Ray and Dot Etheridge at their 50th anniversary. They had two children together.

All brothers and his sister have passed away. Some of his living family members willing to share his story include his granddaughter Kristin Turner whose grandfather was James Ralph Etheridge’s twin brother Ernest Ray Etheridge. He has one living son, Mike Etheridge.

Mrs. Etheridge recalls her time in Milledgeville during the Vietnam War and can affirm it was a place where people just missed their loved ones. Life in this area is certainly not what it used to be. There are very few businesses from that era that are still around.

The family church is Cooper Baptist Church also known as Cooperville Baptist Church. It was renamed after it burned down in a stable fire. Lt. Col. Etheridge attended the previous congregation.



As mentioned his death was the result of a helicopter crash. Ronald Anderson, the first cousin of the pilot who flew the chopper recalls the report of the crash. "Helicopter 66-16595 Final Flight:



Col. Etheridge

On this final flight, WO1 Hight was the Aircraft Commander of the single rotor light cargo UH-1H (Huey) helicopter; call sign "Bikini Blue Two Eight." "Bikini Blue 28" was operating out of Camp Holloway near Bam Me Thuot (a French rubber plantation south of Pleiku), Tuyen Duc Province Republic South Vietnam. This area was within the operational area of the Army of the Republic South Vietnam (AVRN) II Corps. The U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division was also operating in the area. On February 23, 1968 the helicopter departed Camp Holloway at 0620 hours and proceeded south to Ban Me Thuot where it refueled. It then proceeded to Gia Nghia southeast of Ban Me Thuot where it took-on seven passengers without shutting-down. After taking on passengers without refueling, the helicopter departed for Duc Xuyen northwest of Gia Nghia. The final flight ended at 1049 hours local time 24 NM northeast of Gia Nghia in the vicinity of Duc Xuyen, Quang Duc Province with WO1 Hight at the controls. The coordinates of the crash site are ZU 196600, 1:50,000 Map Sheet Number 65331, Series L7014 dated 1965. This report was given to his family when his cousin Aircraft Commander and pilot passed away with the other seven men."

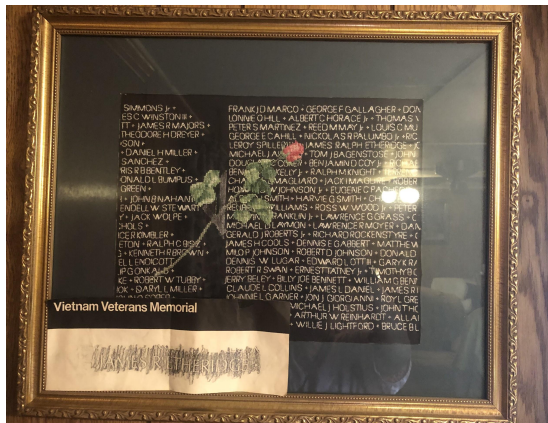
To this day Ronald Anderson is seeking information about the mission. He has said it himself in blog posts, "I am looking for anyone who may have known Lt. Col. James Etheridge, Maj.

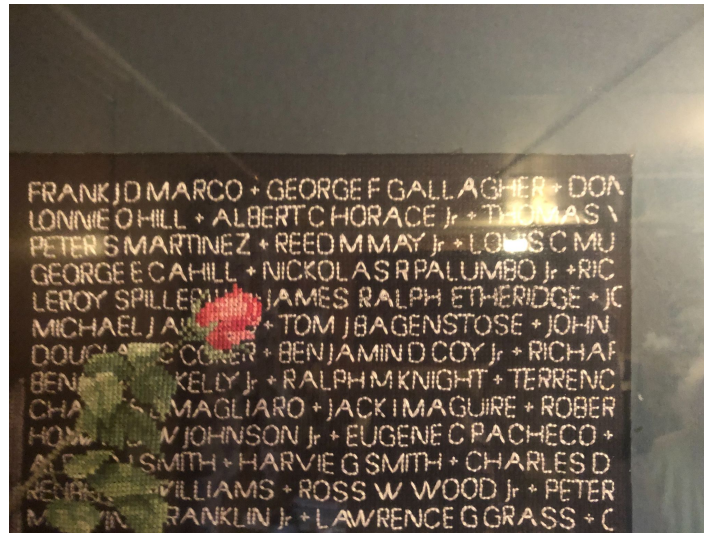
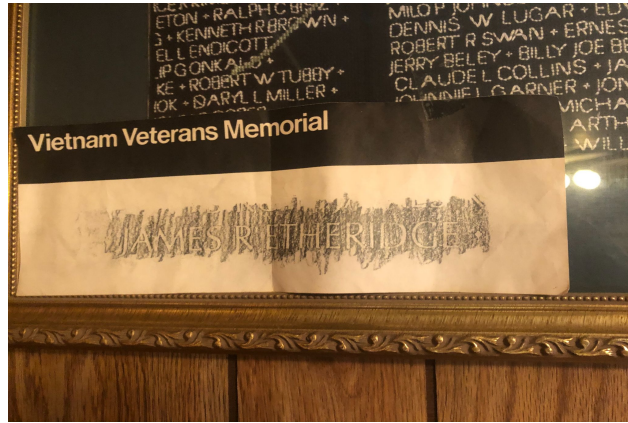
Charles Purser, Mr. R. M. Hamlin, Col. Nguyen Man, Le Ngoc. All boarded my 170th AHC on morning February 23, 1968 for Duc Xuyen as passengers. My first cousin WO1 William Reid

Hight was a pilot. Helicopter crashed killing all passengers and WO1 Hight. I am attempting to contact anyone who may have information about their mission on this day.”

Dale Sterling, a member of MACV Team 32 stated, “I took a VN Intel team to secure the crash site and recover all the bodies and chopper. The crash site was in Quang Duc Province, the Army has it in Tuyen Duc Province, but that is where they flew all the bodies. The trip was to inspect a very small VN outpost due north of Ghia Nhia. The trip was also sort of a boondoggle. The outpost was in a very beautiful part of the province next to a river. Purser and Etheridge were the good guys. The team was never as effective after that.”

Etheridge is on Panel 40E, line 73 of Vietnam Memorial. His family has a picture of his name on the memorial with a rose pointing towards his name along with an etching of his name.

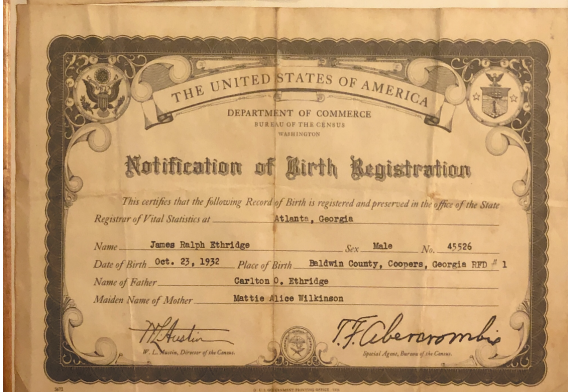




According to Ancestry.com, Etheridge is buried in West View Cemetery in Milledgeville, GA.

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Etheridge James Ralph						West View Milledgeville GA			
2. SERVICE NUMBER						3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER			
070183 (over)						24092100			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)						5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)			
8 June 1953						-			
6. STATE						7. DECORATIONS			
Georgia						ARMY/Aviation/NSM/IA			
8. GRADE OR RANK						9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION			
Lt Col						INF. Adv. Tm 32 II Corp			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)						11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER						16. FREIGHT STATION			
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FOR VERIFICATION						18. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			
17 APR 1968						Mrs. Ralph Etheridge			
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Kingwood, West Virginia						I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY.			
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The mother of James Ralph Etheridge

The Birth Certificate of the Etheridge Twins



The outhouse at the Etheridge Homeplace



The father of James Ralph Etheridge

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Oral History conducted with Dot Etheridge, James Ralph Etheridge's sister-in-law, on the Etheridge family homestead, Baldwin County, Georgia.

Dot Etheridge 0:01

Now that you can see the chimney, with the storage house. But he was born in that house.

Interviewer 0:09

On this property?

Dot Etheridge 0:10

Yes. In Cooper's. They were raised here. They were born and raised here. They went to school at GMC Yes. And he graduated from GMC and went on to college. I think he went a couple years there. Anyway, and then he went to, to Mercer and finished his degree. Then he went a...he married Flora Falendore. And I don't know when they married. To Hawaii, and then he was sent to Vietnam. And when he got to Vietnam, he was killed in a helicopter crash. So that, that's about all I know about his life. Now. I don't know what all the thing it's in between. But that's about all that I know because he we were on the mayor five years when he passed away. So he passed away in the helicopter. He was killed in 1968. Because we were married in 1963. And he was the twin brother of my husband. And so that's...Christy, ought to bring those pictures and show us

this is Vietnam Memorial in Washington. My grandson right. And she put a rose going up to his name.

That, you know, all I know is that he was he was in the Air Force, I mean the Army. No, he was in the Air Force. And I think he was in the, I'm not sure if he was in the army or the Air Force, but he was in one of those. Anyway. But uh, he went to, uh, his dad died when they were seven years old. And his mother raised them and her his dad helped send them to GMC because his mother didn't make that much money. She had four children. He had one sister and one brother, and sort of, well two brothers because his twin brother, my husband. Now if you would like to come in and see his picture,

Interviewer 3:31

Yes, ma'am. If possible.

Dot Etheridge 3:37

Now it's not a recent picture. It's when he was little.

Interviewer 3:43

That's, anything works. Thank you.

Dot Etheridge 3:55

I don't have a big picture of him. Here.

Okay.

Okay, this is this is the thing I was telling you about.

Interviewer 4:13

May I take picture of it?

Dot Etheridge 4:15

Isn't that beautiful? How in the world did she do that? She put that rose right up there where his name was and that's the thing that we scratched off when we went up there. But uh, his son can tell you all about it. If they don't want to answer your telephone call. Then I got his address and you can write him.

Interviewer 4:45

Okay.

Dot Etheridge 4:46

And so I write down that address for her Christy. I got it on the table. But uh this is my husband's flag. I gave...Did you want to get the whole picture? Get the rose going up to his... This is my husband's picture when he went in the Navy but (indecipherable) I'm 93 years old.

Interviewer 5:49

Have you lived on the property your (indecipherable) how long?

Speaker 3 6:04

trailer that sits right here actually sat on the front of the property. Where you're standing right now used to be a garage. (indecipherable name) my my great great grandmother lived in this house. My papa built this house when that house got to where it was unlivable. She's lived out here since I got married. This is this birth certificate...(indecipherable) and this is when they were little

Is this the old house? This picture, is this that house?

Dot Etheridge 6:52

Yeah. If you want to take his birth certificate

Interviewer 7:13

Yes please.

Dot Etheridge 7:14

Let's see. Which one said, that's Ray's, this is his. I've got lots of pictures of him but they're in an album in my room, Ray's room.

Interviewer 7:58

Whatever you feel comfortable sharing I do you appreciate seeing this and these will all go to Georgia College into their archives. Thank you.

Dot Etheridge 8:09

This is that's the old homeplace. This is the house that said that's the house he was born in. Or, he was raised in.

Interviewer 8:30

And then is that chimney in the back just what's left of that house?

Speaker 3 8:34

Yes ma'am, it stood...

Dot Etheridge 8:35

It's back there, the old chimney still back there.

Speaker 3 8:36

It stood for a while. I was probably 10 or 11 when they finally, we finally told what was left of the house Wow. But uh, view of the property is not the complete property. But it is. It is very complex, and you're welcome to take a picture of it.

It's kind of faded.

Dot Etheridge 9:07

Anything you want to take a picture of... that's my medicine. Not all of it is. Most of his vitamins. I don't take much.

Interviewer 9:16

Wow.

Dot Etheridge 9:43

You see our old red car... you could see a dog in there. And it was though the mailbox. Where's that dog? He's on his back wherever he is. I know. I don't see that well, but they found it. Now he was gone when Red and I moved in this house... (indecipherable)

Interviewer 10:18

What would you say is one distinctive thing you remember about him, when you met him? Oh, sorry. What is one distinctive thing you met about? Or you remember about him when you met him?

Dot Etheridge 10:31

The most friendliest, nicest, nicest sweetest guy. I've ever met.

Interviewer 10:40

That's very kind.

Dot Etheridge 10:42

He was nicer than his twin brother.

Interviewer 10:44

(Laughter)

Dot Etheridge 10:45

You know, I have to put that out there. He was. He knew just how to meet people. How to, I think that's how he got to be Lieutenant Colonel because he was just, he was just very nice guy.

Interviewer 11:04

Nice, nice.

Dot Etheridge 11:05

And he called his wife to meet him in Hawaii. Just before he went to Vietnam, if he did, if he had could have came home alive, he would have been a colonel. But he was Lieutenant Colonel.

Interviewer 11:24

And can you tell me anything about mill? Did you live in Milledgeville during the Vietnam War?

Dot Etheridge 11:33

His wife and children lived. Though she was a Folendore. And she lived they lived over on the road that goes to Haddick. If you go up this road, there's a road that goes to Haddick. Her parents owned a lot of land by Lynn she lived with them. And then she moved in our trailer out here close to close to Mema. Call Ray's mother named. But uh, I got a picture of his mother and daddy.

Interviewer 12:12

Oh, I would love to see that.

Dot Etheridge 12:13

These two pictures are really, really old. That there...his great grandfather (indecipherable) but here is his Mother and Father. There's his mother. When he died, just before he died. I you want to get it down you can. And that his mother. And that his mother. (indecipherable) closer when they die. This is great, this is his grandfather and grandmother. And Mr. and Miss Etheridge.

Interviewer 13:44

They lived in this property too?

Dot Etheridge 13:46

No, they lived over old Mount Pleasant road, just off Mount Pleasant road.

Interviewer 13:53

It was his dad that built this house?

Dot Etheridge 13:46

Yeah. Oh. Red bought this house. Oh boy bought the old house out there the property, or his daddy did. And he bought it for 13 acres for \$3,000, that's been years and years ago. But that's my mother and father.

Interviewer 14:23

I plan to include you in and little bit of your life in this report as well.

Dot Etheridge 14:30

Well, if you want to...my daughter passed away...

Speaker 3 14:33

That would be a whole another story.

Dot Etheridge 14:36

Yeah, if you will come in and look, this was my daughter. Yeah, that's... That's my daughter Chris. Now this is Ray, when he was in service. And the rest of them are grandchildren now there's a good one over a grandchildren great grandchildren I don't think I have another one of Ralphie except in those I couldn't find your kid get I get, could I find of those pictures later and send them to the store and let Christy let you see them?

Interviewer 15:24

Perfect.

Speaker 3 15:25

Okay, I work right down from the college. I work down on North Wayne Street. I'm not very far from y'all.

Dot Etheridge 15:33

Well you know how to call her and get in contact with her. Yeah, this was old house and this this picture that you got okay these...these were Howard West. Did you know Howard West? (indecipherable) Howard West.

Now I'm not sure about these two right here. But I've got a picture of Ray and Ralph in that album, taking their cow in and heading off into competition.

Interviewer 16:17

Oh, cool.

Speaker 3 16:18

Like a boy's competition.

Dot Etheridge 16:20

Every one of her children. Her. His sister was a beautiful lady. She was the only girl. They lived in Covington. She married and moved to Covington but they all lived here and played in this yard.

Interviewer 16:41

I do have a question about his service. Did he voluntarily enlist or was he drafted?

Dot Etheridge 16:48

He volunteered and enlisted?

Interviewer 16:51

Okay. Another question. Did you guys ever communicate with him while he was in Vietnam?

Dot Etheridge 16:57

All the, while he was in Vietnam? Yes, his mother did. And his wife. Ray and I didn't communicate with him. So, well... he wasn't there very long. He...he got to tell some stories about sitting around having to drink blood of animals over there to fit in with the group. He did...he told us. He wasn't there very long. I wish I could tell you the full story, but his son.

So, but I've just I've missed him a whole lot. Because he was so good to see. He take my daughter to his house. Let her play. And he take her out eat just liking...

That's very nice to hear. I have a question. During the Vietnam War did you and your husband live? Right here, right here. And we've lived here since we got married. We lived in a trailer cuz I couldn't live that's her baby. Ryan was the baby and Rob was born 10 minutes before he was, before Ray was born. And they used to fight like cats and dogs. And but Ralph could win because he was the biggest. (laughter) But is he was he was a wonderful guy.

Interviewer 18:51

Can you tell me anything about how things were in Milledgeville specifically during the Vietnam War? Not with Ralph but like how was the city, were there may protest or was everyone just missing their loved ones?

Dot Etheridge 19:09

It's just everybody was missing their loved ones in that man as far as I know the city was it was a lot different from what it is now. There's a lot of been a lot of stores moved out and Culver Kidd used to drugstore set on the corner for years and years and years. And if you if you will go back there. On my dresser.

Speaker 3 19:37

Yes, ma'am.

Dot Etheridge 19:38

And bring that thing up here. We went to a memorial for Ralph two years ago up at GMC and they gave him I think I got that over there. They gave us a button. (indecipherable) I can't read it.

Interviewer 20:09

Yes, ma'am.

Dot Etheridge 20:13

I don't know if it is or not. I don't think that say it. I know (indecipherable).

Interviewer 20:25

Oh, that is the GMC crest.

Dot Etheridge 20:28

Yeah. Well, that's why we had it up at GMC. The memorial. And that might have been, that might have been it. But his name was scraped. Right his name was scratched off while we were up there. So, it wasn't Ralph. It was Ray's name so that won't do you any good. But it was scratched off and, and brought to Ray and we were there for the memorial.

Interviewer 20:59

Okay, yes, I asked GMC if they had anything about James. Oh, they do. Have you asked them? I did. They're getting back to me.

Dot Etheridge 21:09

Well, like they tell you plenty about Ralph because his brother was the first lieutenant colonel up at GMC.

Interviewer 21:17

Oh, nice.

Dot Etheridge 21:18

Yeah. And then Ralph...Ralph...he graded...I don't know how he graded up there. But all Ray said that Ralphie and Ollie were was always smarter than he was (laughter). I said Ray, you shouldn't say that. But I got a picture of his older brother.

Interviewer 21:38

Oh, yes.

Dot Etheridge 21:40

Okay. Let me get it for you. Because my granddaughter, great granddaughter is moving in with me. June the first, to help me out. And so, we've been putting things in boxes. So, bring that picture (indecipherable).

Speaker 3 22:07

I don't see what you're talking about. On your dresser, or I don't see what you're talking about.

Dot Etheridge 22:13

Is it in Ray's room on his dresser? Have a seat. Well, I can (indecipherable), wash my clothes. I've been, I pull some briars out of the...I took my walker and pull some briars out of that shrubbery out there and I do about what I wanna do.

Interviewer 22:41

Very nice.

Dot Etheridge 22:41

But I can't open bottles, I'm losing strength in my hand. And I can't open bottles here no more.

Interviewer 22:54

Thank you. You're doing great. Um, I do have another question. So your husband? How old was he when he passed?

Dot Etheridge 23:07

I'll be 94 September the 18th. And Ralph (indecipherable) my husband died two and a half years ago, well it's almost three years now that he died. He just got in bad health. He had open heart surgery and he was never right again my husband. But Ralph was a healthy man. He was strong too. She must not I can find it.

Interviewer 23:47

Okay, um Do you, does your family have any traditions they like to do in honor of Ralph?

Dot Etheridge 23:56

For a long time we all got together, when, on the birthday of him being, but (indecipherable)

Speaker One 24:04

That's all I see.

Dot Etheridge 24:06

James Ralph Etheridge. Yeah, that's it.

Speaker 3 24:08

Is that it?

Dot Etheridge 24:10

Yeah.

Speaker 3 24:11

It's just a piece of paper.

Dot Etheridge 24:12

It was a solid silver picture back there

Speaker 3 24:15

I got it right there.

Dot Etheridge 24:18

That's his oldest brother. I told her he was Lieutenant Colonel. Now the album I got...of them (indecipherable) them where they are, from the time they were little to the time they got grown. And then went and service, in service

Speaker 3 24:48

(indecipherable)

Dot Etheridge 24:57

They gave u(indecipherable) up there. That other was scratched off, but, no Mary Beth scratched that off and gave to us.

Speaker 3 24:58

This one? This doesn't have anything on it grandma. It's just a paper. You got the scratch right there, the scratching. Is that what you're talking about the scratching from the wall?

Dot Etheridge 25:13

Yeah.

Speaker 3 25:22

We've got that one.

Dot Etheridge 25:24

Oh yeah, but I'm talking about Mary Beth gave...

Speaker 3 25:28

There's nothing on this one.

Dot Etheridge 25:29

I know.

Speaker 3 25:30

I don't know Papa did something with it.

Dot Etheridge 25:35

No, Ray...no, they gave us...you know we went that Memorial.

Speaker 3 25:39

I didn't go with y'all. You and Papa went.

Dot Etheridge 25:42

And Faye. Faye took us.

Speaker 3 25:44

Yes. Faye took y'all.

Dot Etheridge 25:45

And they had a memorial for the veterans that was killed. So, they'll tell you that and they had they had his history at GMC. You know, most of his history at GMC. But he went to GMC and said he went to Mercer and he went, and I guess that's all we went to. And then he went into service. But I will find those pictures.

Interviewer 26:15

Yes. If you've already given me plenty. So, whenever you get the chance, I do appreciate it.

Dot Etheridge 26:24

He was a wonderful person. I thought he'd be in our wedding pictures. But I don't think he is. I got our 25th and I got we got married. And our 25th anniversary and our 50th anniversary. (indecipherable) He wasn't there I don't think.

Speaker 3 27:40

Wait what it was. Grandma. What was it?

Dot Etheridge 27:49

It was a picture of a me. He was not in our anniversary. So that's what that is. So he was in he was killed when we had 50th anniversary.

Speaker 3 28:05

Ralph Jr. Are you talking about Ralph, Jr.?

Dot Etheridge 28:09

Oh, his son Ralph, Jr.? Both of them teach school. Yes. in Hinesville

Interviewer 28:15

Yes

Dot Etheridge 28:16

Yes. So, Ralph, Jr. died. He did.

He passed away. But the other ones still lived down there. And did you got her address? Well give it to (indecipherable) if you don't reach Mike, he'll...he'll be happy to tell you the whole thing. Just tell him who you are and what you're doing. And I will call him and tell him to expect your call.

Interviewer 28:50

Okay. Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

Dot Etheridge 28:52

Okay. Well it was so nice meeting.

Interviewer 28:54

Yes, ma'am. I do appreciate it. It was really nice to meet you. Thank you for the time you given me and everything you showed me?

Dot Etheridge 29:01

Yeah. Thank you.

Speaker 3 29:03

Did you get a picture of...

Interviewer 29:04

No, I was gonna ask if I could.

Speaker 3 29:06

You're welcome to take...watch your step because it's...

Interviewer 29:09

Okay. Yes.

Dot Etheridge 29:11

It was nice meeting you.

Interviewer 29:13

It was nice meeting you too. Thank you.

Dot Etheridge 29:15

You're welcome.

You want to see that chimney?

Interviewer 29:37

Very cool. Do you and your husband live here?

Speaker 3 29:49
We don't. (indecipherable)

Interviewer 29:50
We're in 13 acres

Speaker 3 30:19
13 acres of the home place. You can't get to it now because it's grown up but a garden back in the back now my brother he's not he didn't keep it.

Interviewer 30:38
And this is the trailer you guys were talking about?

Speaker 3 30:40
That's the trailer they lived in (indecipherable)

Interviewer 30:46
How old this this trailer? Like it's been around since 1950s maybe or before then.

Speaker 3 30:56
I mean, it's still together. We use it for storage. (indecipherable) It had one bathroom with the lovely, a bath tub and a toilet and sliding doors (indecipherable) that Papa actually built the bunk beds for

Interviewer 31:35
And this is where James and his brothers lived?

Speaker 3 31:38
No, this is where our Grandma and Papa lived when they got married.

Interviewer 31:41
Okay.

Speaker 3 31:43
And then living room and kitchen and all that on the front of the property.

Because Memama he was Ralph's mama lived in this house.

Interviewer 32:04
Thank you for showing me that. And how old is that truck over there?

Speaker 3 32:08
Very, very old.

Interviewer 32:09
Who drove that truck?

Speaker 3 32:10
My Papa drove that truck.

Interviewer 32:11
Okay.

Speaker 3 32:13
Oh, that's the outhouse. That's where they went to the bathroom. (indecipherable)

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