

## Chapter EIGHT

# DOCHIA LEVON HARTLEY

Ira & Mintia's fourth-born (b. 1926)



On August 19, 1926, the last of Ira and Mintia's children was born. A girl, she was named Dochia Levon. Like her sister (Mildred Kiree) and older brother (William Lawrence), Levon preferred her middle name. But that was later in life, so many friends and relatives still think of her by her first name, Dochia.

Levon was the last born to Ira and Mintia and the first baby to be born in the new Williams Hollow farm house that her dad built in the early 1920s. Perhaps her birth may have been a little less frantic than those of her older brothers who both had to wait for a house to be finished (Lawrence) or a cabin to be remodeled (Eldon), before their mother could give birth.

Had it not been for Ira's illness and death in October 1929, a short time after her third birthday, Levon would no doubt have enjoyed an almost idyllic childhood. Still, the sweetness of the Williams Hollow land allowed the fatherless family to go on after her father's death.

When her time came, Levon headed on to, first, Arden School, where her older sister was the teacher, and then when that school closed, she would have continued at (West) Flat Rock School. After graduating from eighth grade, Levon attended Ava High School.

Even though Kiree, Lawrence, and Eldon worked right along with their mother, the family needed a father presence. They got that when Levon's mother, Mintia, married a widower, Charley Breedlove, on May 27, 1931. With him were two children, Bob and Pearl.

Like her siblings, Levon bonded well with their new stepfather and his children. Pearl would have walked to school with Levon, and the Williams Hollow farm provided a good life for the combined families during this hardest part of the Great



Baby Levon in 1927



Levon, Mintia & Charley Breedlove



Above, 1931—Levon with step-sister, Pearl Breedlove at Arden School

Eventually, Levon and Bill located a final time to Wichita KS where they raised their children.

All the relatives and people who know

At right, Levon and her children, Joe and Sue, with Mintia at the Williams Hollow farm around 1950.

Depression.

Tragedy would strike the Breedlove-Hartley household, however, in the spring-time before Levon's tenth birthday. On April 25, 1936, her beloved Charley would die at the age of 56. Charley was one of the Breedloves from the Rogersville MO area. He was taken to

a cemetery near there for burial.

The rest of Levon's years at Williams Hollow were scattered with change inside the Hartley home. Her older sister, Kiree, married in 1932, and her brother, Lawrence, would marry in 1937 with both leaving the household. Still she always had her brother, Eldon, working right along with Mintia on the farm.

When Levon was old enough, she went to Ava and got a job working in a cafe there. It was there that she met a handsome, curly-haired boy by the name of William Eugene "Bill" Luttrell. They were married on September 7, 1942. Bill was in the U.S. Navy, and Levon stayed on at the Williams Hollow farm until he got out of the Navy.

Eventually, the couple left Williams Hollow and went to California to work where Levon's brother, Lawrence, had relocated. Then eventually,

Levon (below) age 13



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Levon around 1950

Levon take note of her great personality. It continues to be easy for her to meet and greet people. Although now retired, Levon will always be remembered for her ability to work.

In Wichita, Levon worked in food processing plants. She continued this work when she moved to the Fort Smith, AR, area in the 1970s. Levon continued to work all the way up into her 80s as either a greeter or a food sample salesperson at area Walmart stores.

In 1980, Levon married Jimmie Elenbarger of Springdale, AR. For all of their marriage, they lived in northwest Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma area. Jimmie passed away in 2009 at the age of 80.

Levon and Bill Luttrell's Children:

- **Beverly Sue Luttrell**, born January 5, 1944, in Springfield, MO. She grew up in Wichita with her parents, and attended Wichita schools. She married Larry Masters in 1961, and they have three children: Larry Masters II, Terrance Masters, and Tameria (Masters) Robinson.
- **Danny Joe Luttrell**, born June 8, 1946. Like his sister, Sue, "Joe" grew up in Wichita with his parents, and attended Wichita schools. He married Robbie Shoemaker in 1968 in Kansas City. Joe and Robbie had a son, William Joe, and two daughters: Melissa, who lives in northwest Arkansas near Joe and Robbie, and Teresa who died in her early twenties.



Joe Luttrell, Levon (Hartley) Luttrell Elenbarger  
and Sue (Luttrell) Masters

At left, 2000—  
 Levon (Hartley) Luttrell  
 Elenbarger with her  
 children, Joe Luttrell and  
 Sue (Luttrell) Masters at  
 the Hartley Reunion near  
 Clearwater, KS



At left, August 2006 at Sue  
 (Luttrell) Masters' house  
 L-R: Levon (Hartley)  
 Elenbarger, Sue (Luttrell)  
 Masters, Robbie (Luttrell,  
 Mary Masters (Sue's grand-  
 daughter), and Joe Luttrell

At right, August 2006—At the  
 home of Sue (Luttrell) Masters  
 L-R—Logan Broz, Trevor Broz,  
 Loren Robinson, Tameria (Lut-  
 trell) Robinson (with Spencer  
 Robinson in front), Levon (Hart-  
 ley) and Jim Elenbarger

