

# THE ANCESTORS OF BOBBY LEE COGDELL

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1. John Cogdell, the immigrant, born probably in Switzerland in the 1660's died ca 1711 in New Bern, NC.
2. George Cogdell born ca 1698, died 1761 in Wayne Co. NC; married Margaret Bell
3. David Cogdell born 1753 NC, died 1801 TN; married Anne
4. Daniel Cogdell born 1779 NC, died 1859 TN; married Penelope Sutton
5. Daniel Cogdell born ca 18513, died ca 1875; married Rachel McCarver
6. L. Franklin Cogdell born ca 1853, died ca 1900; married Serena Dunn
7. George Washington "Wash" Cogdell born March 19, 1891, died February 18, 1940 TN (Cogdell Cemetery); married Lena Hale
8. John Henry Cogdell born February 29, 1920, died December 2, 1959 TN (Cogdell Cemetery); married Ola Beatrice Hemby
9. Bobby Lee Cogdell born August 24, 1945 Henderson County TN

## BIOGRAPHY OF BOBBY LEE COGDELL

Bobby L. Cogdell was born August 24, 1945, at his maternal grandmother's (Ollie Hemby) home in Henderson County which is located in rural West Tennessee. He lived with his grandmother and Uncle Boston Hemby for most of his childhood and adolescent life. His Uncle Boston, who had a major influence on his life, taught him hunting and fishing. Sixty years later Bobby still enjoys the hunting season. Times were hard during his childhood. "I can still remember the day we got electricity." We had an outside toilet and drew our water from a well. My grandmother would heat the water on our wood cooking stove and give me a bath in the tub. Granny never had water inside her house until 1967 when I built a house next to her and had a well installed. "My Grandmother Hemby and Granny Cogdell were the world's best grandmothers."

He graduated from Lexington, TN, high school in 1963. Upon graduation, he knew what he wanted to do in life and that was being a life & health insurance agent. In the fall of 1963, he successfully completed an insurance course at the University of TN at Memphis. Since December 1963, he has been in the life and health insurance business. In 1985, he founded Cogdell Insurance Agency providing life, health, Medicare supplements and annuities. This December will be Bobby's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a life/health agent. In addition to his insurance business, he owns and operates 7 farms in Henderson and Decatur County, TN. His granddaughter, Stephanie Brown Stanford, was hired in 2001. In 2013, Barbara Baker (in addition to working for Cogdell Insurance Agency) started her own property and casualty agency representing The Farmers Insurance Group. Barbara now provides auto, home, life and business insurance. Click here to contact Barbara [bbaker3@farmersagent.com](mailto:bbaker3@farmersagent.com) or call 731-307-6911.

Cogdell Insurance Agency is located at 111 N. Main Street, Lexington, TN 38351, phone 731-968-4300, fax 731-968-4001. Their emails are: [bobbycogdell@charter.net](mailto:bobbycogdell@charter.net), [stephanie\\_brown@charter.net](mailto:stephanie_brown@charter.net) or [barbara\\_baker@charter.net](mailto:barbara_baker@charter.net). "Service is Our Policy" at Cogdell Insurance Agency.

In September 2001, he was elected to the Board of Alderman for the City of Lexington. He was re-elected in 2003 and 2005. With firm beliefs in term limits, he didn't seek re-election in 2007. During his term on the Board, he served as Chairman of Lexington Fire Department, Chairman Lexington Electric System, and a member of the Water and Gas System Board, Library Board and Civic Center Board.

On May 18, 2008, he married Shirley Singleton. They are avid travelers and while Bobby is keeping up the farms, you will find Shirley beside him. During planting season with Bobby on the tractor, you will see Shirley checking the rows. They enjoy the outdoors and riding over the farms on their four wheelers. Bobby is a member of First Baptist Church in Lexington and the Jack Hay Sunday School. Most of the time he attends Pine Grove Baptist Church where Shirley is a member. Most of her family belongs to Pine Grove.

Bobby and Shirley's home is located at 41 N. Main Street, Lexington, TN, phone number is 731-968-8629. [Click here for pictures of the home.](#) They have plans to build a new home in 2014 at one of the farms.