

E.L. Smith

E.L. Smith, 79, of East Palatka, passed Sunday Jan. 24, 2010, at Roberts Care Center.

Mr. Smith was born in Dothan Ala., May,10, 1930, to the late Sam and Hannah Smith. He began his education in Houston County schools in Alabama. His family later moved to Palatka where he attended Putnam County schools. He served in the U.S. Army and fought in the Korean War. After his tour of duty he returned to Palatka where he met and married Quintlean Young in 1992. He was a faithful member of Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church in East Palatka. He sang in the male chorus with joy until his health failed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Andrew Smith; three sisters, Bessie Smith, Jessie Smith and Cleo Smith.

He leaves to cherish the memories a loving and faithful wife, Quintlean Smith; son, Alvin (Vaughn) Jones of Palatka, Lynwood (Patricia), of Bradenton, Lexter (Lynda) Young of Fort Pierce; sisters, Leola Ruth of Palatka, Willie M. Walls of Jacksonville and Macy Huff of North Miami Beach; brother Wade Smith of St. Augustine; brother-in-law, Roosevelt (Robin) Moore of Philadelphia, Pa.; 11 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; very loving sister-in-law, Elise Merrit; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church in East Palatka, with the Rev. Randolph Carter as the eulogist. The viewing will be held Friday, Jan. 29, from 5-8 p.m. at E.W. Lawson Chapel and at 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. Interment will follow at Pattersonville Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of E.W. Lawson & Son Funeral Home.