

## **Bernice L. Walker**

Bernice Loretta Walker, 72, of Palatka, entered the sunset of life on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011 at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka.

A native of East Palatka, she was a lifelong resident of Putnam County and was born on Saturday, July 15, 1939, to Ernest and Gladys (Burke) Walker. At an early age, Bernice united with Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church and later joined Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, both of East Palatka. She was a 1956 graduate of Central Academy High School and also attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. She was a longtime teacher's aide at the former Central Academy Elementary School, Palatka Central High School and Palatka High School with over 20 years of devoted service to the Putnam County School District.

In addition to her parents, Bernice was preceded in eternal rest by her brother Charles Walker.

Bernice leaves to cherish her memories sons, Asad Hajur Bey (fka Z. Craig Savall) Palatka; Tariq Asar (Debbie) Bey (fka Alex Jenkins) Jacksonville; Khalid Omar (Dionne) Bey (fka Kevin D. Walker), Palatka; sister, Gloria (Lawrence) Thompson, Jacksonville; six grandchildren, Dawn (Dorsett) Watson and Alexis Jenkins, all of Jacksonville; Kevin Walker Jr., Jabria Walker and Hakeem Bey, all of Palatka; Larry Blue, Crescent City; three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many caring friends.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at the "Chapel of Serenity." Homegoing Celebration will be 2 p.m. Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 719 Reid St., Palatka, the Rev. James A. McGriff, pastor. The Rev. Julius Jackson, pastor of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, East Palatka, is the eulogist.

Interment will be in Pattersonville Memorial Cemetery, East Palatka. The cortege will assemble 1:20 p.m. Saturday at the Walker residence, 203 3rd Avenue, Palatka.

Friends may sign the Walker family's guestbook at [www.flaggserenitychapel.com](http://www.flaggserenitychapel.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Karl N. Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel, 2400 Madison St., Palatka.