

**Melvin H. "Papa" Primus Sr.**

Funeral services for Melvin H. "Papa" Primus Sr., 76, of Welaka, who died Friday at HCA Putnam Community Hospital, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. James AME Church in Welaka.

Burial will be in Welaka-Georgetown Cemetery. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Friday at Watts Funeral Home in San Mateo.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Putnam County and had worked as a commercial fisherman. He was a member of the St. James AME Church in Welaka where he served as a deacon and taught Sunday School. He was a member of the Welaka-Georgetown Cemetery Board.

He is survived by his wife, Jamsie Primus of Welaka; two sons, Melvin H. Primus Jr. of Miami and Isidore Primus of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, Carolyn Mills of Welaka; sister, Pauline Brodie of Palatka; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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