

# Zonira "Zee" Tolles

**Zonira "Zee" Tolles**, 89, passed away Sunday afternoon, December 28, 2008, in Tallahassee, Fla., after a long illness.

She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Y. Hunter of Crescent City, Fla. Graveside services will be held in Eliam Cemetery, Melrose, Fla., at 2 p.m. EST, Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

Mrs. Tolles graduated from Florida State College for Women in 1940. After teaching for two years in Melrose, Fla. She moved with her husband, Fremont W. Tolles, to New Haven and then to Naugatuck, Conn. In the early 1950s they returned to Florida to live in Keystone Heights. She was active in community organizations, and led a Girl Scout troop for a number of years.

She published two books on the history of the Melrose area, *Shadows on the Sand* and *Bonnie Melrose*.

Mrs. Tolles was predeceased by her husband; and her parents. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth H. Sims of Madison; sister-in-law, Inez T. Clark, Southbury, Conn.; and nieces and nephews, Guy Sims and Carl Sims Jr. of Madison, Durlie Barati of Tallahassee, Howard Sims of Fort Lauderdale, Agnes Bite of Springfield, Va., Hunter Sims of Flower Mound, Texas, Alan Clark of Palmetto, Fla., and Sharon Clark of Southbury, Conn. Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel (850-973-2258).

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“Thank you Zee, for recording a very large part of the history of the sand hill lakes region of Florida. The McRae family appreciates everything you and your husband have done to preserve the history of the area around Melrose and Banana.”

John McRae

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