

Butler Baker Jr.

Butler Baker Jr., 79, of East Palatka, passed Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at The Legacy House in Ocala following a brief illness.

He was a native of Jacksonville, but resided in East Palatka for more than 50 years. He was a member of Morning Star Baptist Church and was employed with Brunner Building Supply for many years until his retirement. Mr. Butler was a U.S. Army veteran.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Butler Sr. and Ruth (Walker) Baker; wife of 35 years, Earnestine (Lewis) Baker; and sisters, Alberta Carter and Maude Mabry.

Survivors are his daughters, Cynthia Cave and Lisa Baker, both of Ocala; sons, Donald (Bobbie) Baker of Palatka and Milton (Jean) Lewis of Tallahassee; brother, Claude (Laura) Baker of Sterling, Ga.; 20 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and other relatives and loving friends.

Visitation hours will be from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday (today), and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 14, at D.A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 816 Reid St., Palatka, with the Rev. Maurice Lloyd, pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist, officiating, and assisted by Pastor Willie Battles, pastor of Unity Temple of Deliverance Outreach Center in Williston as the eulogist. Interment will follow in the Pattersonville Cemetery in East Palatka.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of D.A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home in Palatka.