

Mary M. Colay

Mary Magdalene "Maggie" Colay, 75, of Brentwood, N.Y. (formerly of Palatka) entered the sunset of life Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Putnam Community Medical Center following an extended illness.

The daughter of Arthur and Eliza (Bethune) Hines, she was born Sunday, Aug. 4, 1935, in St. Augustine. Mary was a longtime resident of Palatka and was educated in the Putnam County School District (Central Academy High School). She was united in marriage to Henry Edward Colay for over 52 years (who preceded her in eternal rest on February 15, 2011). They were the proud parents of 11 children. Mary was a devoted homemaker, a caring mother and a loving grandmother.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mary is preceded in eternal rest by her daughter, Darlene Ann Colay; son, Mack Edward Colay; grandsons, Daniel and Ezekiel Colay; three sisters, Helen Hatten, Cora Johnson, Shirley Jean (Savannah) Hines-Jones; four brothers, Willie Hines, Alfred Hines Sr., Leroy Johnson, and Sam White.

To cherish her memories, eight devoted daughters, Dorothy (William, Sr.) Ealey, Elizabeth (Joe) Miles of Long Island, N.Y., Mildred (Dennis) McMillan, Shirley Colay, Margie (Ronald) Fells, and Joyce Ann Colay, all of Palatka; Mary Jane Colay of St. Augustine; Henrietta Holmes of Allentown, Pa.; one beloved son; Lynwood Kevin Colay of Palatka; 39 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Chapel of Serenity. Homegoing Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at First Born Church of the Living God, 1708 Madison St., Palatka, Bishop W.L. Smith, pastor, presiding. Elder Arthur Lee Coley is the eulogist. Interment will be in Pattersonville Memorial Cemetery, East Palatka.

Friends may sign the Colay Family's Guestbook at www.flaggserenitychapel.com.

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