

## **Geraldine J. Knowles**

Geraldine Estella Jefferson Knowles, 54, a native and lifelong resident of Palatka, entered the sunset of life on Easter Sunday, March 27, at Putnam Community Medical Center following an extended illness.

She was born March 30, 1950, to Martha Elizabeth Bragg Jefferson and Horace Verdell Jefferson Sr., and was a 1968 graduate of Central Academy High School. She earned an Associate of Arts degree at St. Johns River Community College. During her early childhood, she was baptized at Mount Tabor First Baptist Church under the late Rev. J.W. Walker. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during a revival and joined Zion Temple Church of God in Christ (COGIC) under the pastorate of Elder W. M. Rutledge. She served faithfully at Pentecostal COGIC under Pastor S. J. Andrews and was Secretary of the Trustee Board and District Choir Musician. She continued to serve the Lord with gladness at New Life Temple Fellowship in East Palatka under the pastorate of Elder Mark A. Jones and was appointed "Church Mother" and later during her illness was named "Church Mother Emeritus." During her husband's job transfers, while in South Carolina she was active at Greater Miracle Temple COGIC in Orangeburg. In the midst of illness, she remained a loyal and faithful servant until her eternal Father called her from labor to reward. She was a longtime customer service employee of Florida Power & Light and later an administrative secretary at the former District Opportunity Center School.

To cherish her memories: husband, Marvin Knowles Sr.; parents, Dea. and Mrs. Junior (Martha Elizabeth) Edwards, Palatka; sons, Darius Jerome (Cecelia) Jefferson Sr., Jacksonville; Marvin (Charlotte) Knowles Jr., Port St. Lucie; and Marion Deon Knowles, Palatka; brothers, Horace V. Jefferson Jr., Elijah Lowery, and Donald (Brenda) Lockhart, all of Palatka; sisters, Linda (Calvin) Marshall, Palatka; Wisteria (Artis) Striglers, Jacksonville; five grandchildren, Selina, Darius Jr., and Darienne Jefferson, Marvin III, and Cameron Knowles; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, other relatives, friends, church family and co-workers.

Visitation of family and friends will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at New Life Temple Fellowship, 161 W. Louis Broer Road, East Palatka, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the "Chapel of Serenity." Homegoing services will be Friday 3 p.m. at Mount Tabor First Baptist Church, 4909 St. Johns Ave., Palatka. Her Pastor, Elder Mark A. Jones, is the eulogist. Interment will be in Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Flagg-Serenity Memorial Chapel.