Gertrude M. Shingles

Gertrude "Trudy" Mills Shingles, 91, of Palatka, entered the eternal walk with the Lord on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at her son's residence in Orlando following an extended illness.

A native of Shadeville (Wakulla County), she has been a Palatka resident since 1945. She was a dedicated member of Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, serving faithfully on Usher Board No. 1 for more than 40 years. "Trudy," along with her husband, Wiley, opened and operated "Johnny's Grill" for many years. She loved to cook and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, who affectionately referred to her as "Big Mama."

She is preceded in eternal rest by her parents; Thomas and Edna (Garvin) Mills; and husband of 62 years: Wiley Shingles Sr.

To cherish her memories are her sons: Cephus (Bernice) Mills of Orlando; Wiley (Elizabeth) Shingles, Jr. of Palatka; daughter; Brendalyn Dumas of Palatka; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren; God daughters: Annie Ruth Miller and Yvonne Jackson, both of Palatka; Jonnie Evans of Marshall, Mo.; God son: Albert Smith of Haines City; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the "Chapel of Serenity."

The cortege will assemble at the James Singleton residence at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 411 Putnam County Blvd., East Palatka.

Homegoing services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 1000 N. 19th St., Palatka the Rev. Anthony Q. Robinson, Sr., officiating.

Interment will be in Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

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