Gloria Varnes

Pastor Gloria Varnes, 55, of San Mateo, died suddenly Oct. 11, 2011 at St. Joseph Hospital in Tampa.

She was born in Tampa to the late Silas Holder and Roselee Cooper. She attended public schools and would later work as a social worker and hospice nurse as well as assisting in running the family farm business. Gloria accepted the Lord as her personal savior and would spend the rest of her life ministering and helping those in need, whether it be clothes, food, or ministry.

Survivors include daughters Quarterria Varnes, Tampa; Tori Varnes, Palatka; granddaughter Tysoni Goff, Tampa; brothers Larry (Dorothy) Holder, Bradenton; Stanley Cooper (Jannie), Jacksonville; and Benjamin Randolph (Sharon); sisters Barbara (Terry) Mitchell, East Palatka, and Raydin Watts, Orlando.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Hastings, Pastor Mildred Rosco. Pastor Edna McCoy of New Life Deliverance Center, eulogist. Burial will follow in Pattersonville Memorial Cemetery in East Palatka. Viewing will be today from 5-6:30 p.m. at New Life Deliverance Center in Welaka and 1 p.m. until time of services at the church on Saturday.

Coleman's Mortuary honorably rendering services.