

**Jesse B. Wilson Sr.**

Jesse B. Wilson Sr., 79, of East Palatka, entered the sunset of life Saturday, March 8, 2008, at The Riverwood Center in Jacksonville.

The eldest of four siblings, he was the son of Boyd and Curly (Leak) Wilson, born Feb. 5, 1926. He was a 1944 graduate of Union County High School in Monroe, N.C. At the age of 4, he went to live with his Uncle Chester and Aunt Sophronia Cuthbertson and he was a longtime member of Union Springs C.M.E. Church.

Upon moving to East Palatka, he joined Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church and he served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, trustee, usher and sang in various church choirs. Jesse was united in holy matrimony to Alice Bryant of Orange Mills and they were married for over 57 years until she preceded him in eternal rest.

Jesse served our nation as a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a longtime employee of Roberts Chevrolet and Roberts Dairy. He was previously employed by Hudson Pulp & Paper Mill and formerly a city taxi driver. Jesse was passionate about singing old gospel hymns.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife; Jesse was preceded in eternal rest by his siblings, Annie Lee, Burnece and Chester Wilson.

To cherish his memories daughter, A. Gwen (Arbie) Curry, Palatka; five grandchildren, Yolanda (Todd) Nesbitt, Heather Edwards, Sharonda Wilson, Arbie Curry Jr. and Marvin Curry, all of Jacksonville; devoted cousin, Haveller Wilson, Charlotte, N.C.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Juanita Thomas, Wilmington, Del., Winnifred Lewis, Tallahassee, Elijah Bryant, Cocoa, Moses Bryant, Doris Bryant and Annette Bryant, all of Orange Mill and nine great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and caring friends.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the Chapel of Serenity. Homegoing services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, 115 Pine St., East Palatka, the Rev. Quida Smith, pastor, presiding. His former pastor, the Rev. Wilbur Johnson, of Daytona Beach, is the eulogist. Interment will be in Pattersonville Memorial Cemetery, East Palatka.

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