

**Bennie P. Alexander**

Bennie Pearl Alexander, 92, of East Palatka, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010 at the Putnam Community Medical Center following an extended illness.

Mother Alexander was a native of Damascus, Ga., born to the parents of the late Ben Carnella Baldwin, and had been a resident of East Palatka for over 75 years. She was a faithful member of Church of God by Faith, East Palatka, where she served on the Mother's Board. She retired from home employment with Attorney Ronnie Clark, and worked previously in the Putnam County School District Cafeteria.

Mother Alexander was preceded in eternal rest by her parents; husband, Luther Alexander; and siblings, Fannie Crawford, Willie Mae "Tiny" Bryant, Rosalie Baldwin, Hattie Edwards, Mattie "Doll" Williams, Thomas "Buddy" Baldwin, and granddaughter, Doreen Vanessa Hankins.

Survivors are her daughters, Mary Esther Alexander (Rev. Nathaniel "Hank") Hankins, San Angelo, Texas and Deborah "Debbie" Williams, East Palatka; son, Kerry T. Alexander, East Palatka; grandson, Darryl V. (Glennis) Hankins, Lewisville, Texas; granddaughters, Tammy Alexander, LaShawn "Nicky" Alexander, Kim Williams, all of Palatka and Tiffany Bagby, St. Augustine; 18 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and loving friends.

Visitation of family and friends will be Thursday, Sept. 30 (Today) from 6-9 p.m. at the D.A. Boyd and Sons Funeral Home. Home going celebration will be Friday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. at Church of God by Faith, Loius Broer Road, East Palatka, with Elder David Roberts, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in the Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of D.A. Boyd and Sons Funeral Home, Palatka.