

**Elina Austin**

Elina Austin, 89, passed on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Putnam Community Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 25, 1917, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lawton of Olar, S.C. She was married to the late Rev. Willie Austin. She was a member of Mt. Olive AME Church in East Palatka, where she served as a missionary, member of the choir and usher board. She was a member of J.A. Nottage Temple 484. She owned and operated a grocery store with her husband and daughter.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon (Douglas) Cunningham; loyal niece, Elaine (Walter) Stuart; brothers and sisters, Willie Lawton, Ethel L. Durante, Mossa Lawton, Josh Lawton, Margaret L. O'Bleanis and Elijah Lawton; brother-in-law, Mr. James O'Bleanis of Brooklyn, N.Y.; goddaughters, Ora B. Taylor and Artanza McRea of East Palatka, Nina R. Taylor of Orlando and Ada Norris of Palatka; godson, Richard Norris of Tallahassee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Calling hours will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday (today), at the Chapel of E.W. Lawson and Son and from 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the church. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Mt. Olive AME Church in East Palatka. Interment will be at Pattersonville Cemetery.

E.W. Lawson & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.