

Harold D. Bryant Sr.

Harold "Sarg" D. Bryant Sr., 79, of East Palatka, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at the Palatka Health Care Center following an extended illness.

He was a native and lifelong resident of East Palatka and the last sibling of the late Rev. Horace and Lovie (Walker) Bryant.

Mr. Bryant was a 1944 graduate of Central Academy High School and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. After active duty, Mr. Bryant joined the Army Reserve and then the Army National Guard in Palatka, where he was a member of the ADA BTRY A/Artillery. He served as Truck Company Maintenance until retirement on Sept. 20, 1985, at the rank of SFC/E-7. During his military career, he received the following decorations: EAME service medal with one bronze star, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and EAME occupation ribbon.

He was self-employed as Backhoe Operator and Landscaper. Mr. Bryant was a member of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church where he was on the deacon board and a member of East Palatka Awareness Organization and Community Sunday School Forum.

Survivors are his wife, Louise G. Bryant, East Palatka; sons, Torrence Bryant, Orlando, and Damon Bryant, Dallas, Texas; precious memories live on in the hearts of the children, Will (Diane) Garner Jr., Savannah, Ga., Sherry Ann Garner, and Inez Kingsleyndum, both of Jacksonville, Sharon L. Garner, Santa Rosa Beach, Josephine Garner, East Palatka, Patricia (Sammie) Tomblin, Altamonte Springs, Vivian Bryant, and Kenneth (Nancy) Bryant, all of St. Petersburg, Harold Bryant Jr., and Vanessa (Richard) Campbell, all of Miami, Joyce Beverly Jones, Chicago; Angenetta and Daryl Bryant, East Orange, N.J., and Pamela (Willie) Griffin of New York City; mother-in-law, Minnie Lee Jones, Palatka; 24 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Visitation hours will be Friday, March 4, from 5-9 p.m. at the D.A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home, Palatka, and Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. until the hour of services at the Morning Star Baptist Church, East Palatka.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 5, at the Morning Star Baptist Church, East Palatka, with Rev. Julius Jackson Sr., Pastor of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, officiating and assisted by the Rev. James McGriff, pastor of Bethel AME Church as the presider.

Interment will follow in the Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

D.A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home, Palatka, is in charge of funeral services.