

Celester Carroll

Celester Carroll, 77, of East Palatka, passed Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the Putnam Community Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was a native and lifelong resident of East Palatka, born to the parents of the late King and Martha (Gandy) Carroll, a 1952 graduate of Central Academy High School, a United States Marine Corps veteran where he received both the National Defense and Good Conduct medals. Deacon Carroll was also a faithful member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Barriagan Tri-County Senior Citizens Club. He retired from Georgia-Pacific Industries, tissue converting department with over 30 years of service. His hobbies were fishing and all types of sports.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rena Davis Carroll, East Palatka; son, Rodney Carroll and his wife Jennifer, Orange Park; sisters, Elise C. Merritt and Quintlean Smith and her husband E. L., all of East Palatka; brother, Theodore Moore and his wife, Robin, Philadelphia; sisters-in-law, Mary Guice, East Palatka and Lubertha Davis, Palatka; godchildren, Lisa and David Cleveland, Valerie Gallon and Jenkin Evans; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and loving friends.

Visitation hours will be from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and from 9-11 a.m. Friday, June 26, at the D. A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 26, at Mt. Olive AME Church, East Palatka, with the Rev. Julius Jackson, Sr., pastor of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, East Palatka, officiating.

Interment will follow in me Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

Funeral arrangements are under me direction of D. A. Boyd & Sons Funeral Home, Palatka.