

Michael E. Crooms

Michael E. Crooms, 50, of Atlanta, Ga., succumbed on Wednesday, Feb. 29 at his residence in Atlanta.

He was a native of Palatka, born to the late Johnny and Linda (Newsome) Crooms on Aug. 7, 1961, but lived in Atlanta for the past 25 years. He was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, East Palatka. Michael was a 1979 graduate of Palatka High School, a 1981 graduate of St. Johns River Junior College, receiving an A.A. degree and a 1983 graduate of the University of Florida, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in accounting and business. He was employed with Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Atlanta, as the business manager for the past 22 years.

Preceding him in death other than his parents are a brother, Harley Crooms.

Survivors are his siblings, Melody (Eddie) C. Badie, Johnny (Brenda) Taylor, Freddie Taylor, Jimmie (Linda) Taylor, Danny (Shirley) Crooms, and Charles (Lita) Crooms; aunts and uncles, John (Gertie Mae) Kelly, Lois Harrington, Robert (Paulette) Dobson and Sydney (Muriel) Dobson; host of nieces and nephews, close friends, Alonzo (Janet Meadows) Harris, Gladys Holmes, Anita Price and Marinell Barber and other relatives and loving friends.

There will be no visitation hours or viewing. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 10 at noon at Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church, 4909 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, Rev. Karl N. Flagg, pastor. The Rev. James Sloan, pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

The cortege will assemble at the home of the sister, Melody C. Badie in East Palatka.

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