

Vertie G. Crosland

Vertie "Muh" Gordon Crosland, 74, of East Palatka, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Haven Hospice of the Lakes Care Center.

She was born in Hemingway, S.C., but had lived in East Palatka for more than 40 years. She has worked for numerous businesses over the years, including Southwell's, San Mateo Seafood, Yvonne's Hair Design and JB Wings & Things.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Crosland Sr.; mother, Catherine Brinson; father, Arthur Gordon; and three sons, Donald Crosland, Arthur Lee Crosland and Sidney Fuqua.

She leaves to cherish her memories three sons, Sammie Lee Fuqua of Bridgeton, N.J., Willie (Elizabeth) Crosland of East Palatka and Leon Crosland of Palatka; five daughters, Dianne (Frank) Taylor of Palatka, Kathy (Michael) Griffin of Palatka, Deborah (Keith) White of Palatka, Sandra Philemond of East Palatka and Veda (Steven) Holmes of Okinawa, Japan; sister, Junnie M. Jefferson of Daytona Beach; special granddaughter, Vernetta Philemond, who she raised like a daughter; 36 grandchildren; 37 great-grands and a host of other relatives and friends.

Calling hours will be from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, at the chapel and from 2 p.m. until time of service at the church Sunday. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Holy Temple of God in East Palatka. Interment will be at Pattersonville Cemetery in East Palatka.

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