

**John A. Hall Sr.**

John Abbott Hall Sr., 67, passed on Monday, December 20, 2004, at the Putnam Community Medical Center.

John was born March 5, 1937 in Boston to the proud parents of Clarence and Alberta Hall, proprietors of French Dry Cleaners for 50 years. John graduated from Central Academy High School as valedictorian of his class of 1955 and was the recipient of a full academic scholarship to Florida A&M University. While attending Florida A&M, he met and married Doretha Alexander. He graduated with honors in 1959, majoring in chemistry. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. John attended Antioch University, Yellowstone, Ohio, where he then earned his master's degree. He was affiliated with NAACP and 100 Black Men. He retired from the Water Management as an urban planner in 2001.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Sharon Hall, Tampa, and Amelia (Lady Bird) Hall, Gainesville; one son, John Hall Jr., San Diego, Calif.; eight grandchildren; brothers, Donald (Val) Hall, and Clarence Hall, all of Palatka; sister, Myrtice (Otis) Mason, St. Augustine; and other relatives and friends.

Viewing will be from 9-11 a.m. at E.W. Lawson Chapel on Thursday, and from noon until time of service at the church.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. at Emanuel United Methodist Church, Palatka. Interment will be at Pattersonville Cemetery, East Palatka.

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