

Abe Jones Jr.

Abe "Duggie" Jones Jr., 68, of East Palatka, entered the sunset of life on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 at Putnam Community Medical Center, Palatka following a brief illness.

A native of Orange Mills, Abe was born on Thursday, Aug. 19, 1943, to Abe and Lizzie (Hicks) Jones Sr. He was a lifelong resident of the East Palatka area and was a 1962 graduate of Central Academy High School. In his early years, he attended Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church of Orange Mills. A longtime entrepreneur, he was a labor contractor and owner-operator of Jones Trucking for nearly 50 years. Abe was a devoted family man who was united in holy matrimony to the former Beulah McCormick on Sept. 15, 1965, in Palatka. He enjoyed watching television and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in eternal rest by his paternal grandparents, Harry and Ida Jones; sisters, Willie Mae Robinson, Blanche Jones, Queen Johnson, Estelle Jones and brother; James "Bubba" Jones Sr.

Those who cherish his life and legacy: devoted wife of 46 years, Beulah M. Jones, East Palatka; beloved sons and daughters; Dorothy Jones, Palatka; Connie Jones, East Palatka; Floretta J. Robinson (Michael), Middleburg; Abe Gerod Jones (Michelle), Raleigh, N.C.; Gerald Jones, Orlando; four grandchildren, Terrell Jones Sr., St. Augustine; Abram Jones, East Palatka; Adrienne Hill, Palatka; Darius Robinson, Middleburg; two great-grandchildren, Terrell Jones Jr., St. Augustine; Amariah Taylor, Palatka; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14 with a memorial tribute from 6-7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, 416 Daniels St., Hastings. Homegoing celebration will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at The Lord's Temple, City of Refuge Ministries, 140 Gilmore St., Hastings, Elder Thomas Cave III, pastor. His son, the Rev. Gerald S. Jones, of Be A Champion, LLC., & Orlando World Outreach Center, Orlando, is the eulogist.

The cortege will assemble at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jones' family residence, 114 Walt McCormick Road, East Palatka. Interment will be in Pattersonville Cemetery.

Friends may sign the Jones' family guestbook at www.flaggserenitychapel.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Karl N. Flagg Serenity Memorial Chapel, 2400 Madison Street, Palatka.