

William O. Sanders

Deacon William Olden Sanders was called home Friday, May 8, 2009, from the Veterans Hospital in Gainesville, following a lengthy illness. W i l l i a m was born May 3, 1927, in Espanola, to Willie and Little Bell Sanders. He graduated from Central Academy High School in 1944 (class salutatorian) .

He served honorably in the United States Army and was self-employed in the timber industry. He was a lifelong member of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Orange Mills, where he served faithfully as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent for over 50 years. Preceding him in death were his parents, Willie and Little Bell Sanders; sister, Mittie Jean Green; and son, William Carl Sanders. He is survived by his wife, Luella Sanders; son, Clayton L. Sanders; daughters, Ann Hayes (Shannon), Patrecia William (Andrew), Jeraldine Smith (John), Sandra L. Jenkins (Clayton) and Alisa D. Walton; godsister, Bernice Washington (Calvin); 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren,

14 great-great-grandchildren and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, sorrowing friends and four sisters in-law. The funeral will be at noon Saturday, May 16, at Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church, 4909 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, the Rev. Karl N. Flagg, pastor. The viewing will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 15. The eulogist will be the Rev. Leroy Kaymore, pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church of Orange Mills. The interment will be at Pattersonville Cemetery in East Palatka. E.W. Lawson and Son Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.