

Freddie L. Thomas Sr.

Freddie Lee Thomas, 58, of Olive Street, Palatka, entered eternal rest on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at Haven Hospice in Palatka.

Freddie was born June 30, 1952, in Palatka to the late Guy W. Sr. and Lila Thomas. He was educated in the public school system of Putnam County and a graduate of Central Academy. Freddie was a truck driver and loved grilling and horticulture as his pastime pleasures. He was a member of Mt. Carmel FWBC under the leadership of the Rev. Moses Long Jr.

Freddie was preceded in death by his parents, son, Telefaro Thomas, sister, Lorena Thomas, and brother, Guy Thomas Jr.

Those keeping his memories alive are his devoted wife of 30 years, Christell Thomas; daughter, Tekita Thomas, and as a daughter, Cierra Edwards; sons, Freddie Thomas Jr., Palatka, and Dimitric Nock, Va.; 16 grandchildren; sisters, Dorthy (Louis) Howell, Palatka, Nancy Wright, Miami, Beverly (Paul) Smith, Fayetteville, N.C., Delvis (Ronald) Daniels, Sherron (David) Holcy, Juanita (the Rev. Moses) Long, Vanessa Dennis and Eunice (Michael) Hendley, all of Palatka; brothers, James Thomas, Tampa, and Demetrius (Shellean) Thomas, Palatka; mother-in-law Mary A. Hill; sisters-in-law, Palmas (Donnie) Stapleton, Sheila Cestnut, and Juanita Campbell Thomas; brothers-in-law, Lorenza (Deborah) Carter, Alvoid (Sandra), Ronnie and Ricky Maples; aunt, Elizabeth Rice; a very close family friend, Sandra Edwards, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Home Going Service will be 1 p.m. today, Jan. 8, at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 719 Reid St., Palatka, with the Rev. James McGriff, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Moses Long Jr., pastor of Mt. Carmel FWBC Church, will deliver the eulogy. Burial will follow at Pattersonville Memorial Cemetery in East Palatka.

Professional arrangements entrusted to Angela Dallas-Johnson Unity Funeral Home Inc. 105 W. New Hampshire Ave., DeLand.