

### EARLENE YVONNE SIMS



Earlene Yvonne Sims, 69, of Callahan, passed away August 31 at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. She was born May 11, 1949 to the union of the late Earl Smith, Sr. and Ruth Smith Dawkins. She was the oldest of two children and she graduated from New Stanton High School, class of 1966. She furthered her education and graduated from Nova Southeastern University. For 26 years, she was a successful elementary school teacher, retiring from Fort Caroline Elementary School. As a member of the Second Baptist Church of Callahan, she had a loving relationship with the Lord and her church family. Earlene was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth and her father Earl Smith.

She is survived by her loving husband, Deacon James Clifford (J.C.) Sims, who thinks of her as his guardian angel; her son Brian Raines of Boca Raton; her daughter April (Webert) Lovencin of St. Augustine; a brother Earl Smith, Jr.; a sisters Madeline Thomas and Earlene (Timothy) Grant; her grandchildren Brain, II, Brandon, Carmen, Raven, Samuel, Jamica, Whitney, Dewayne, Tianna, Deonna and K'Von; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many devoted friends and extended family, Dewayne and Rhonda Hart-Sparks, Christian sister Winnie Sparks and special friends Colin and Wila Perry.

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 8 from 3-5 p.m. at Sarah Carter's Funeral Home, Inc., 6665 New Kings Road, Jacksonville. The funeral service will be held Monday, September 10 at 11 a.m. at the Second Baptist Church of Callahan. Final resting will follow the service immediately at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Lannie Road.