



LILYON ALTON

July 11, 2010

Obituary of LILYON ALTON

Lil Alton of Paisley Florida, formerly of St. Petersburg and Pensacola, died July 11, 2010. Born in Miami, Florida, to Clyde E. Lewis, Sr. and Minnie Rollo, both of Santa Rosa County, Lil was a second generation native who loved Florida and actively participated in civic and political activities for the betterment of the communities in which she lived. She and her late husband Homer W. Alton were active in Republican Party politics for more than 20 years in Pensacola, Tampa and St. Petersburg. She was a member and former Chairman of the Florida Young Republicans and was voted Young Republican of the Year in 1968. She was a member of the Florida Women's Republican Club and was honored to be named Ms. Republican of 1972 in Escambia County. She served as county coordinator for Claude Kirk's successful campaign for Governor in 1965 and worked diligently for Senator Ed Gurney's election. Lil was Director of Personnel Benefits for the Diocese of St. Petersburg from 1979-1985. She was a member of Apopka Assembly of God and attended The Sanctuary (Church of God) in Deland. Lil is survived by her sister Phyllis Bengston (Anderson) of Pensacola and two brothers Clyde Jr. of Milton (Bagdad) and David of Milton; six sons; Larry Cottle of Washington State, Gary Cottle of Altamonte Springs, Steven Cottle of Redington Beach, Tom Cottle of Paisley, Michael Cottle of Sanford, and Daniel Alton of Knoxville, TN; six lovely daughters-in-law; Darlene, Brenda, Susan,

Toni, Arden and Sharon; six handsome grandsons and eight beautiful granddaughters; many great grand children; and her lifelong friend, Maxine Jones of Athens, AL.

Visitation

Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. till noon at Beyers Funeral Home, 279 South Central Avenue, Umatilla, FL 352-669-2146.

Services

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL with Pastor Bill Cox officiating.