

## Charlie Bess

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Charlie Otis Bess Sr. of Brunswick died Jan. 21 at Hospice of the Golden Isles.

A native of Jacksonville, Mr. Bess was educated in the Needwood Community. He worked at the Hofwyl Plantation, the Lockwood Drug Store, the Alfred W. Jones Shipyard, and Glynn Distributors. Mr. Bess worked 34 years for the Dixie Paint and Varnish Co., later renamed the Fuller O'Brian Paint Co. He was a member of St. Paul A.M.E., where he served as trustee, steward, class leader and on the usher board. Mr. Bess was a member of the Cornerstone Lodge No. 8 F.&A.M.

The funeral will be held at noon Saturday at St. Paul A.M.E. with Elder Richard Quinn Ward officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cornerstone Lodge No. 8 F.&A.M.-P.H.A.

Honorary pallbearers will be officers of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church and former employees of Fuller O'Brian Paint Co.

The procession will leave from 185 King Cotton Road.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Magnolia Chapel of Brunswick Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Okella Bess of Brunswick; sons, Charlie Otis Bess Jr. of Atlanta, David Bess of Brunswick, Enous Bess of Anaheim, Calif., and James Bess of Tampa; daughters, Clara Shealy of Albany, Harriet Price of Brunswick, Odessa Culpepper of Brunswick and Rebecca Suits of Boise, Idaho; a brother, James Powell Sr. of Augusta; 25 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

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