

DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER WOMAN AT BEE RIDGE

Mrs. Sarah Adeline Walker, 88, pioneer resident of the Bee Ridge section, died at her home in that community last night at 8:35 o'clock after an illness of a few days.

Known as "Grandma" to her hundreds of friends, Mrs. Walker was one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Sarasota county. Born in Calhoun county, Alabama, she had lived in Florida 70 of her 88 years. She came to this section of Florida from Tallahassee about 50 years ago.

"Grandma" lived alone at Bee Ridge, her husband, the late Oliver A. Walker, having died about 20 years ago. Despite her advanced age, she was extremely active and did her own house work until she became ill last Thursday. She was an active member of the Missionary Baptist church.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Walker, Bee Ridge, John Walker, Sarasota, George Walker, Sarasota, and Jeff Walker, of LaBelle; and one daughter, Mrs. Viola McKendree, of Sarasota. Also surviving are 38 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at Fruitville cemetery this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. P. Currin, retired Baptist minister, in charge. Burial was to follow in the family plot by the side of her husband.