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**ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**SHERIFF PAUL N. WHITE**

January 6, 2011

#### **Death of Deputy Sheriff Linda Townes**

It is with much sadness to inform of the death of Deputy Sheriff Linda Townes. Linda passed away Thursday, January 6, at Mercy Medical Center in Knoxville after complications from a recent surgery. She was 60 years old.

Deputy Linda Townes was a veteran law enforcement officer. She began her career with the Knox County Sheriff's Department in 1979. Linda has served with the Anderson County Sheriff's Department since June of 1989 as the criminal warrants supervisor. She was well-known throughout the criminal justice community as a dedicated professional and will be sadly missed.

The family will receive friends from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on Saturday, January 8, at New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church at 1801 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Knoxville. The funeral will follow at 6:30pm.

Please keep the family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

**Sheriff Paul White**