

VETERAN
Andre' Keith Merritt
ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional led by Rev. Kenneth Gouch

Last Glance | Final Sealing

Selection Ms. Tanya Tyson

Prayer Deacon Willie J. Young

Scripture Minister Michael Cunningham

Reflections *limit 2 minutes*
Open to Friends

Poem Sis. Latondra Volley

Selection Mr. Terry McCoy

Words of Comfort Rev. Kenneth Gouch
Pastor | Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Family Bible Barnum Staff

Recessional

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

always in our hearts
Andre' Keith Merritt | 1973-2022

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Old Antioch Church Cemetery
1153 Hwy 280 W, Americus, Georgia 31709

MILITARY HONORS
Taps and Flag Presentation

PALLBEARERS
Travis Tullis Cortezee Tullis
Johnny Laney Anthony Jones
Brian Davis Darren Davis

A Special Thank You

Our humble expressions of appreciation to God
and to the wonderful friends He has given to us.
Thank you each for coming to help us bear our
grief. Thank you for your visits, your prayers,
your concern, and your kindness in acts and
deeds during the passing of our loved one.

He was most grateful for each of you,
and we continue in that spirit.

THE FAMILY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:
Barnum Funeral Home, Inc.
217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709
Telephone: (229) 924-2958 | Fax: (229) 924-2957
Information Line: (229) 928-2955
www.barnumfuneralhome.com
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Escort Courtesy:
Americus Police Department Sumter County Sheriff's Office

SUNRISE: AUGUST 1, 1973

SUNSET: AUGUST 13, 2022

CELEBRATION

Oh Life



VETERAN

Andre'
KEITH

MERRITT

HONORING

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YEARS OF LIFE

FUNERAL SERVICE

Sunday, August 21, 2022

2:00 p.m.

**Old Antioch Missionary
Baptist Church**
1153 Hwy 280 W
Americus, Georgia 31719

Officiant

Rev. Kenneth Gouch

Pastor | Old Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

VETERAN

Andre' Keith Merritt

OBITUARY

VETERAN ANDRE' KEITH MERRITT was born in Sumter County, Georgia on August 1, 1973, to the parents of Mrs. Ira Merritt Tullis and Mr. John C. Tullis. He received his education in the public school system and was a graduate of the Americus High School Class of 1991. He attended Albany Technical College, where he received a diploma in Industrial Electricity. On April 19, 1992, he entered the United States Navy Reserve, where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (First award) and the Battle Efficiency Ribbon (First Award). He was honorably discharged on April 8, 1994. On January 8, 1998, he entered the United States Army, where he received an Army Lapel Button, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar. He was honorably discharged on July 1, 2002. He was employed as a Counselor with Global Payments in Columbus, Georgia.

Andre' is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ms. Azzie Lee Merritt and Mr. Clarence Merritt; an uncle, Mr. Sammie Merritt and aunts, Ms. Izola Mathis and Ms. Caroline Carruthers.

In addition to his parents, Mr. John C. and Mrs. Ira Merritt Tullis, Americus, GA, he leaves to cherish his memories: one daughter, Ms. Shandrea Merritt; one brother, Mr. Travis Tullis and friend, Ms. Sherry Grover; one sister, Mrs. Renae (Michael) Volley, all of Americus, GA; his grandparents, Mr. John C. and Mrs. Eddie Jo Tullis, Americus, GA; two uncles, Mr. George (Barbara) Tullis, Buena Vista, GA and Mr. Willie Carruthers, Americus, GA; two aunts, Ms. Peggy Tullis and friend, Mr. Jerry Myrick, Smithville, GA and Mrs. Oveda (Robert) Jackson, Americus, GA; a stepdaughter, Ms. Lataya Carter and three step grandchildren; and a host of nieces, including devoted nieces: Trinity Tullis, Tiana Tullis, Tierra Tullis and Tiffany Tullis; nephews, including devoted nephews: Michael Volley, Jr., Carmelo Volley and Quantarius Tullis; cousins, including devoted cousins: Eric Merritt, Kim Davis, Shonda Blackmon, and Kenneth Solomon; other relatives and friends also survive.

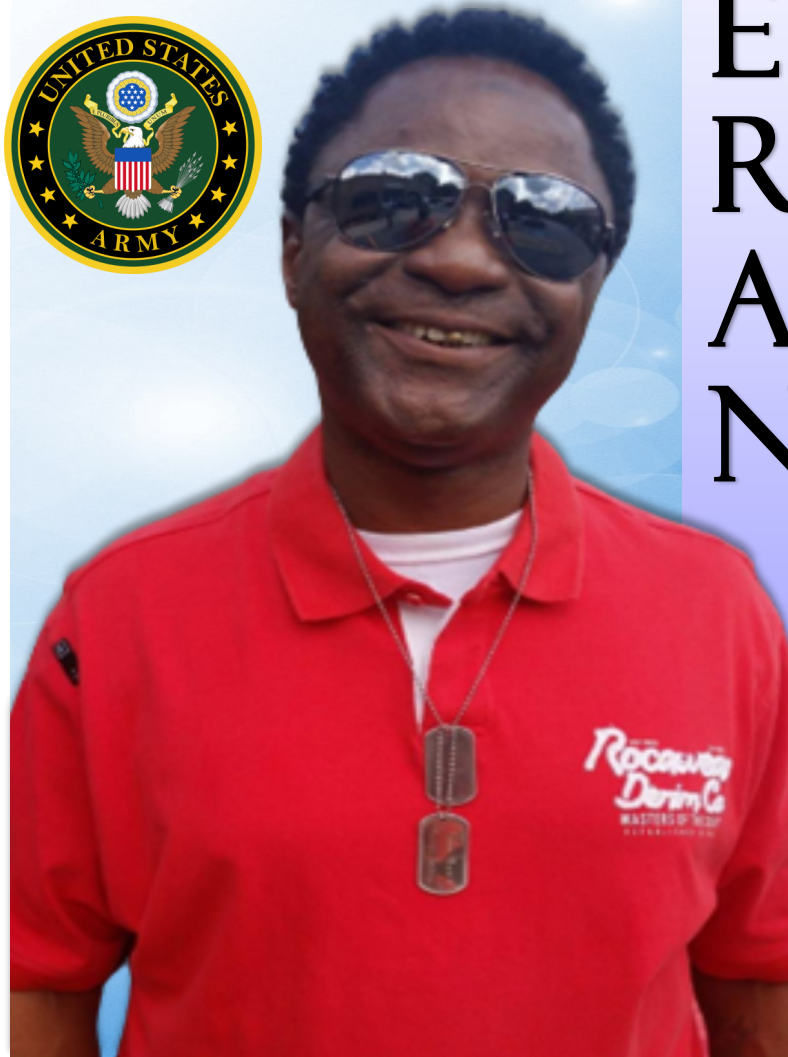


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KEITH MERRITT

August 1, 1973

August 13, 2022



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**DO NOT STAND
AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP**

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints in the snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft star that shines at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there.

I did not die.

