

*Mrs. Sylvia Mae Chambliss Hicks* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on May 5, 1935, to the parentage of the late Mr. Will Chambliss and the late Mrs. Esther Marshall Chambliss. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County, attending Staley High School. She worked as a substitute cook at Westside Elementary School and Plains High School. She also worked as a picker at the Plains Peanut Gin. She was married to the late Mr. Earnest Hicks and to their union, five children were born. In addition to her parents and her husband, she is preceded in death by her siblings: Ms. Daisy Bell Haynes, Ms. Ozie Bell Simpson, Mr. Charlie Chambliss, Mr. Buddy Chambliss, Mr. David Chambliss, Mr. A. C. Chambliss and Mr. S. T. Chambliss and a grandson, Mr. Kelvin Jevon Waters.

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Mr. Earnest (Joyce) Hicks, Jr., Preston, GA; Ms. Maxine Waters and friend, Jimmy of Leesburg, GA; Mr. Williams D. Hicks, Tifton, GA; Ms. Barbara Ann Hicks and Mr. Travis (Dannetta) Hicks, all of Americus, GA; her brother, Mr. Willie C. "Dillard" Chambliss, Americus, GA; fourteen grandchildren: Kimberly (Patrick) Brown, Kristie Hicks, Janeenia Hicks and friend, Tony; Adrian (Emily) Hicks, Christopher Hicks, Javoris Hicks, Angela Hicks, Kandice Hicks, Stacey Hicks, Tanika Hicks, Jamal (Bonnie) Calhoun, Latoya (Kelvin) Reliford, Ashley Kellum and Kierra (Tray) Young; fifteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.