

*Ms. Ella Mae Wilkerson* was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on July 25, 1959. She was the youngest child of the late Ms. Annie Lou Wilkerson. At an early age, she joined the Mt. Salem Baptist Church. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of the Plains High School Class of 1977. She always thought she was “special” and didn’t have to work, which she did not do “much” of. She worked short times at Belk’s and Woodgrain Moulding and volunteered at Mental Flint.

Ella is preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Wilkerson and her grandparents, Obie and Mittie Lee Wilkerson.

Ella never met a stranger, and she would be seen walking the streets of Americus, where she enjoyed meeting and talking with people.

She gave birth to a beautiful, brilliant, and life-long learner, her son, Dr. Shannon Wilkerson, who blessed her with a cherished granddaughter, Zuri Elizabeth, both of Austell, GA; memories will also be cherished forever by her siblings: Mrs. Betty (Thomas) Bell, Mr. Willie “Pop” Laster— her favorite; Mr. Kenny (Louise) Wilkerson, Mr. Ralph Wilkerson, all of Americus, GA and Mr. David Laster and companion, JoAnn of Albany, GA; her aunt, Ms. Elizabeth “Boo” Wilkerson and uncle, Mr. Hollis Douglas, both of Americus, GA; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends: Mr. James & Beulah Ross, Ms. Shirley Smith and Ms. Veronica Evans also survive.