

Mr. James Melvin Black, Jr. was born on November 28, 1964, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. James Melvin Black, Sr. and the late Mrs. Hattie Ragan Black. He received his education in the Sumter County public school system and after graduating, continued his studies at South Georgia Technical College, where he pursued training in electrical and engineering programs. He was a self-employed truck driver, and following the passing of his father, he carried on the family business alongside Mr. Robert at Americus Shoe Shop.

In addition to his parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, he was preceded in death by his sister, Robin B. Davis and Donna Cladd, and his brothers, Mark Clark and Reginald "Gene" Merritt.

Cherishing his memory are his daughter, Ms. Selena Black, and adopted daughter, Ms. Tiffiney Cladd, both of Americus, Georgia; his godson, Reginald (Angelica) Merritt, Jr.; the loving mother of his child, Ms. Helena Mathis of Americus, Georgia; and a host of nieces and nephews, including his devoted niece, Ms. Anitrus Johnson, and devoted nephews, Mr. Ry'Shawn Cladd and Mr. Carlton Jerome Cladd, Jr., all of Americus, Georgia. He is also survived by cousins, other relatives, and dear friends, including devoted friends Mr. Robert Lee Williams and Mr. Roosevelt Bryant.