

*Ms. Vanessa Battle Edison* was born December 29, 1970, in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia to the parentage of late David Battle and the late Elma Smith Battle. Vanessa was a 1988 graduate of Americus High School in Americus, Georgia. During her college years, Vanessa was very active with the Albany State University Golden Rams Marching Band. She graduated from Albany State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After completing her studies, Vanessa continued to advance in the field of education. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Willie B. Edison who precedes her in death.

Vanessa had a passion for life, her family, friends, good food and literacy. She truly exemplified living her “best life”. Vanessa excelled as an educator, earning numerous accolades and honors throughout her illustrious career. She was nearing completion of her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. Her legacy in education and her love and devotion for her family will never be forgotten.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was also preceded in death by her twin sister, Valeria Davette Battle and her older sister, Patricia Ann Battle.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her devoted daughter, Tameco D. Battle; her beloved granddaughter, Zalia K. Lawson, both of Gibsonton, Florida; her bonus children: Derrick Edison, Zachary Miller, Travonte Edison, and Kanisha Edison of Albany, Georgia; a sister, Deborah (Pastor Glenn) Bryant and a brother, Ray (Martha) Johnson, all of Americus, Georgia; ten nieces and nephews: Monte (Marika) Battle, Octavia T. Campbell, Albert (Catrina) Campbell, Jr., David Battle, Marcus Campbell, April (Steven) Walker, Brandon (Tiffany) Campbell, Brandi Mitchell, Glenn Bryant, Jr. and Angel Johnson. She is also survived by a cousin and lifelong friend, Lisa Tatum Slappey and many other devoted friends; a host of other nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends also survive.