

MR. EDWIN GOODWIN was born on November 22, 1957, in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida to the late Mr. Eddie Goodwin and the late Mrs. Cletha Hall Houston. “Jap”, as he was lovingly called, was raised by his father until he was 10 years old; he later moved to Americus, Georgia with his mother. He received his early education in the public schools of Hillsborough County, Florida and later in the public schools of Sumter County, Georgia.

There were some things he loved: fishing, his truck— “Big Red,” football and his church. His favorite song was “Look Where He Brought Me From”. He often edited the words to reflect how far God had brought him. He was a faithful member of Americus Pentecostal Church, first under the leadership of the late Elder Osby Mosley and currently, under the leadership of Elder Fletcher Williams.

Jap served honorably in the United States Army from 1979 to 1981. He was a decorated veteran, receiving awards in Marksmanship, Good Conduct, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and NCO Professional Development Ribbon.

He worked at Simplex Nails, C & J Pallet Company and Warren Scott Construction. He also helped for a while at Barnum Funeral Home.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his godson, James Darren Fuller, Sr.

He is survived by his brothers: Darrell (Janice) Goodwin, Charles Harris and James Harris, all of Americus, GA; his sisters: Pamela Louis, Deborah (Curtis) Johnson, both of Americus, GA; Pauline Badie of West Palm Beach, FL and Jacqueline Jackson of Panama City, FL. He will be deeply missed by his godchildren: Shyquanda Gordon, LaTanja Fuller, Nileak Fuller and Diya Ross; god-grandchildren: Alaysia Fuller, Jaidyn (Charliea) Mahome, Bryanna Bateman, Brittany Bateman, Ny’ Asiah Fuller, Kordae Mahome, Jai’Lyn Peeples, James Darron Fuller, Jr., Mandrell Reed; a god-great grandchild, Ziyon Mahome; church family and all of whom had the privilege to know him.