

MRS. MATTIE P. OLIVER BLACKSHEAR was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia on January 23, 1939, to the parentage of the late Mr. Horace Oliver and the late Mrs. Minnie Oliver. She was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where she served until her health failed. Mother Blackshear enjoyed fishing and having fun with family and friends.

She departed this life peacefully on April 18, 2024, at the age of eighty-five. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sons, Mr. Arthur Lee Oliver and Mr. Elijah Blackshear, Sr.; her siblings: Mr. Arthur Oliver, Mr. Henry “K” Oliver, Mr. Allen Oliver, Mr. Perry Oliver, Mrs. Lola Brown, Mrs. Jennie B. Hester, Mrs. Estelle Edwards and Mrs. Luvenia Sanders.

Left to cherish her memories are one son, Mr. Ollie Brown, Americus, GA; three daughters: Ms. Pearlie Oliver, Cocoa Beach, FL; Mrs. Lillian Sykes and Ms. Minnie Blackshear, both of Americus, GA; several grandchildren, including a devoted grandchild who she raised as her own, Ms. Shontrez Blackshear, Americus, GA; great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including the staff of the Magnolia Manor Nursing Center, Americus, GA and the staff of the Wilson Hospice House, Albany, GA.