

On March 19, 2026, Albert M. Gray peacefully transitioned to eternal rest surrounded by the love and memories of a life well lived. Albert was born on May 26, 1949, in Americus, Georgia, to the late Mrs. Grossie Mae and Mr. Dave Farris. He was the fourth of five siblings and grew up in a close-knit family that instilled in him the values of hard work, respect, and perseverance.

Albert received his early education at McCoy Hill Elementary School and later attended East View Elementary School. He continued his academic journey at Staley High School before graduating from Sumter High School in Americus, Georgia. During his youth, Albert was known for his strong sense of responsibility, his quiet determination, and his willingness to lend a helping hand to others.

In 1968, Albert answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Air Force. During his honorable service, he was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as well as Hill Air Force Base in Utah. After faithfully serving his country, Albert retired from the Air Force and continued his career as a Civil Servant, where he worked diligently for 20 years before retiring in 2011. His work ethic and reliability earned him the respect of colleagues and supervisors alike.

Albert was a man of quiet strength, integrity, and unwavering devotion to his family. He found joy in the simple things in life and cherished the time he spent with those he loved. Whether offering words of wisdom, sharing laughter, or simply being present, he made a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Grossie Mae Farris; his sister, Doris Gray Lusane; and his siblings Pearline Gray Smith and Lillie Ree Gray Jackson.

He leaves a legacy of love, commitment, and sacrifice to his loving wife of 58 years, Sandra Thornton Gray, Warner Robins, GA; two sons, Darrell (Summer) Gray, Atlanta, GA and Rodney Gray, Salt Lake City, Utah; three grandchildren, Andrew Gibson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Arizona, Anthony Gray, Salt Lake City, Utah and Cheyanne Gray (Sean) Blanks of Topeka, Kansas; a sister, Margaret Gray Barron, Americus, GA; and a sister-in-law, Raydell Thornton Scaggs, Decatur, GA .

He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members including Amaka Allen, William Rhodes, Decatur, GA, Vickie Gray Pless (Horace Pless), Fredericksburg, Va, Willie Barron, Americus, GA, Patricia Barron, Stephanie Barron (Errol) Lemond, Monica Barron, Stephen Barron, Dorothea Lusane McKenzie, Tracy Lusane (Eric) Finch, Mary Margaret Lusane Cross, Monica (Tangalia) Lusane, Mark (Tiffany) Lusane, Ann Lusane (Greg) Sims all of Americus, GA, Cathy Sanders, James (Edna) Smith Sr., James and Robbye Smith, Jr. (Jacksonville, Florida), Daryl and Demetries Smith (Ft. Myers, Florida), Angela and Travis Lockhart (Villarica, Georgia), Albert Michael and Tracy Barber (Jacksonville, Florida), Morgan Harris, Darielle Callendar, Leroy Sanders, Jeremy Sanders, Shauntes Sanders, Robin Gray, Melvin of Atlanta, GA, Michelle Gray, TN, Tonisha Barron, Douglas, GA along with a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Albert's life was a testament to love, commitment, sacrifice, and service. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.