

**MR. JOHNNY LEE BATTLE** was born on October 17, 1936, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the proud parents of the late Mr. Emory Battle and the late Mrs. Jessie Bell Sutton Battle. He received his education in the public school system of Sumter County.

In 1965, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he became a factory worker. Years later, he returned to Americus, Georgia where he pursued a career in construction and painting. He was a hard worker and great provider—leaving no stone unturned. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, gardening, and cooking; simply put, he was a jack of all trades.

At an early age, he joined the Shady Grove Baptist Church. Years later, he joined St. John A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Pastor Shirley Strawter.

On Sunday May 14, 2023, at Phoebe Sumter Medical center, Johnny Lee Battle was called, and he answered. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Lula Bell Battle and two brothers, Arthur Lee Battle and Wille Lee Battle; three brothers-in-law: Eddie Sampson, Tommy Williams Sr., and Danley Register.

He leaves to cherish his memories, the love his life, his devoted wife of 48 years, Mrs. Inez Sheppard Battle of Plains, GA; his loving and devoted children: Ms. Clora Calloway of Americus, GA; Ms. Sharon Williams of Chesapeake, VA; Mrs. Cordelia (Theo) Riley of Hampton, GA; Ms. Ceretta Sheppard of Hampton, GA; Mr. Johnny Lee (Charlita) Battle, Jr. of Hartford, CT; Mr. Michael Scott (Sandrina) Battle of Americus, GA and Mr. Dexter Kennedy (Lillian) Battle of Jacksonville, NC; three sisters: Ms. Jessie Pearl Williams of Americus, GA; Ms. Virginia Sampson of Los Angeles, CA and Ms. Ethel Register of Cusseta, GA; an adopted daughter, Ms. Betty Green of Plains, GA; an adopted son, Mr. Terrance Baker of Albany, GA; he is also leaving a legacy of love to his 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; his in-laws: Mr. Larry (Connie) Sheppard of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mrs. Bertha (Walt) Bruce of Plains, GA and Mr. Willie Sheppard of Columbus, GA; and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a devoted friend, Ms. Susie Henderson of Plains, GA.