

JOE WILLEN DURHAM, JR., affectionately known as “Jipp”, was born in Sumter County, Georgia on July 8, 1947, to the late Mr. Joe Willen Durham, Sr. and the late Mrs. Irene Sims Durham. At an early age, he became a member of the Healing Temple in Americus, GA under the leadership of Bishop P. J. Welch. He retired from the City of Americus, GA Waste Management division after 40 years of service. Joe was known for his sense of humor and saying just what came to his mind. He enjoyed going sight-seeing, relaxing, drinking a Sprite, and eating Cheetos or graham crackers while watching his favorite westerns.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lee Thomas.

Joe is survived by his children: a son, Joe Willen Durham, III of Atlanta, GA; a daughter, Sharron Denise Durham of Atlanta, GA; a stepdaughter, Karen Durham of Albany, GA; a stepson, Travis Durham of Youngstown, PA; five step grandchildren; a devoted sister, Betty (Eugene) Mack of Americus, GA; thirteen nieces and nephews: Georgia Mae Thomas of Americus, GA; Penny (Jackie) Jackson of Columbus, GA; Joann Thomas of Americus, GA; Arthur Lee (Sylvia) Thomas of Americus, GA; David (Michelle) Thomas of Cordele, GA; Henry (Evette) Thomas of Americus, GA; Ricky (Linda) Mack of Americus, GA; Priscilla (Clarence) Mack Barron of Dallas, GA; Eugene (Dorothy) Mack, Jr. of Bonaire, GA; Travis (Bridget) Mack of Leesburg, GA; Dexter Mack of Americus, GA; Frederick Mack of Buena Vista, GA; Dedra Mack of Albany, GA, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.