

Mrs. Lillie Pearl Hill Hightower was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on June 28, 1935, to the parentage of the late Mr. Robert Hill and the late Mrs. Eldora Patrick Hill. She attended the St. Paul and Old Shady Grove Church schools. She joined the Old Shady Grove Baptist Church at an early age and served faithfully until her health failed. She worked several years at Georgia Southwestern State University and South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia. Mrs. Pearl was known as “Grandma Pearl” by all the neighborhood children. Everyone loved her collards and dressing.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Artis Hightower, Sr. and ten siblings: Minnie, Leroy, Lucille, Willie Kate, Eula Mae, W.C., Jerry, R. C., Cathryn, and Essie. She was the youngest of her siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters, Ms. Mary Belle Lucas and Mrs. Elaine (Larry), all of Americus, GA; five sons: Mr. Forrest Hill and friend, Yvonne; Mr. Horace Hill, Mr. Bobby Hightower, Mr. Elbert Hightower, III and Mr. Kenneth Hightower, Sr., all of Americus, GA; 26 grandchildren, 75 great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild; a devoted nephew who was like her brother, Rev. Artis Cameron, Lake Worth, FL and a host of nieces, other nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.