

*Ms. Dollie Mae Young Merritt* was born March 13, 1956, in Sumter County, Georgia to the parentage of the late Mrs. Ola Mae Guest Young and the late Mr. Johnny Young. She attended the public schools of Sumter County. She was a custodian for many years at the Magnolia Manor Nursing Home. She was married to the late Mr. Lee Merritt.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Mr. Lee Merritt, Jr. of Atlanta, GA; two daughters, Ms. Minnie Merritt, Riverdale, GA and Ms. Dorothy McClary, Americus, GA; one brother, Mr. Dennis (Annie Pearl) Young, Sumter City, GA; two sisters, Ms. Johnnie Mae Hayes, Smithville, GA and Ms. Jessie Pearl McCoy, Sumter City, GA; her devoted companion, Mr. Michael Laster, Americus, GA; three sisters-in-law: Ms. Julia Hayes, Ms. Johnnie Mae Hayes, both of Desoto, GA and Ms. Willie Mae Gamble, Atlanta, GA; one brother-in-law, Mr. Clifford Merritt, Americus, GA; eleven grandchildren: Vanicia Merritt, Jasmine Merritt, Lee Smith, Erika Wiggins, Eierra (Kerry) Champion, Theresia Spear, Shambrekka (Terrence) Sherman, Tichina Lumpkin, Onderica Lumpkin, Patricia McClary and Geneva McClary; eighteen great grandchildren: Chrisslyn Battle, Zaivian Smith, Saivien Smith, Jayce Dodson, Kaidence Moore, LaDarian Merritt, Ke'moni Champion, Khalil Chapman, Jacoby Spear, Keyontai Woods, Mayson Jackson, Zanovia Sherman, Zamira Sherman, Zayvion Sherman, Jahmia Brandon, Braylen Harper, Zycobie Scott and Janaya Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.