

DEACONESS EMMA MAE HILL JENKINS, affectionately known to many as “Sue,” was born on February 25, 1941. She was the beloved daughter of the late Mattie Pearl Butts Hamilton and the late Joseph (Mary) Hill, Sr.

She received her formal education through the Sumter County Public School System. She was employed by many families as their nanny, caregiver and housekeeper for many, many years. In 1972, Emma Sue was united in Holy Matrimony to Deacon S.T. Jenkins, Jr.

Upon giving her life to Christ, Emma Sue joined the Union Oak Grove Baptist Church. She was a faithful usher, deaconess, and mother of the church until her health began to fail. In her love for caring for families, she was the nanny for the nursery at Salem United Methodist Church. The members of Salem United Methodist Church renamed their nursery in her honor to “Emma Sue Jenkins Nursery.” She was also recognized for her 40 years of dedication, love and commitment to Salem United Methodist Church in 2018. Her dedication and love for babies did not go unnoticed. She reared many children as well as their children.

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, God in His infinite wisdom called Emma “Sue” from labor to reward. She is preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws, S.T. Jenkins, Sr. and Emma Jean Jenkins; her brothers: Joseph Hill, Jr. and Sgt. Lee Mitchell; her sister Fannie McClary; her aunts: Vera Barnett, Annie Bell White, Charlie Bell Hill, Fannie Hill, Daisy Hill Carter, Janie Moore and her uncles: Willie James “Jake” Hill, Simmie Hill, Henry Crawford and Tony Crawford.

Emma leaves to cherish her memory her loving, devoted and caring husband of 51 years, Deacon S.T. Jenkins, Jr. of Americus, GA; her five sisters: Ms. Annie Berry, Ms. Willie Jo Mercer, and Ms. Janie Roberts, all of Leslie, GA; Ms. Pearlie Hill, and Ms. Brenda Hamilton, both of Americus, GA; one brother, Mr. Dennis Hamilton of Americus, GA; four sisters-in-law: Ms. Katie Mae Jenkins of Americus, GA; Ms. Percola Jenkins, Ms. Mary Jenkins and Ms. Betty Jean Jenkins, all of Orlando, FL; four brothers-in-law: Mr. Bobby Jenkins, Mr. Gene Edward Jenkins and Mr. Len Jenkins, all of Orlando, FL and Mr. Timmie Lee Jenkins of Americus, GA; she is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews; devoted and best friends: Ms. Sandra

Hall, Ms. Mary Clark, Mr. Willie James (Willie Ann) Perry, the Henderson, Barkdale, Dukes, Johnson, Mathis, Gurley, Lane, Crew, Bowen, Hodges, Reese, Scott, Murphy, Wiggins, Pope, and Maddox families, the Union Oak Grove Baptist Church family, and the Salem United Methodist Church family all survived.