

*DEACON* JOHN LEE DENNARD, JR. was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia

on September 25, 1940, to the parentage of the late Mr. John Lee Dennard, Sr. and the late Mrs. Annie B. Lockhart. “Buddy” or “Deek”, as he was affectionally called by his family and friends, was a very active member in the community. He was a faithful, loving, and devoted husband that cherished his family. Buddy was a fisherman at heart and loved to work in his garden.

He served as a faithful member of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church for over 65 years, where he was a choir member, an usher, and a Deacon in the Deacon Ministry, in which he served in many capacities: Assistant Chairman of the Deacon Ministry and the Chairman of the Board of Deacons for the last two years. He was an original member of the Jenkin Jubilee Singers for over 60 years; he also served as the manager of the group. He was also a member of the Americus Community Choir for several years.

In addition to his parents, Buddy is preceded in death by two daughters, Susie Anne Whitman and Doris Jean Dennard; a son, Willie Berry; one brother, Henry Lee Dennard, Sr. and one sister, Annie Mae Dennard.

He leaves cherished memories to his wife of 53 years, Mrs. Virginia Foster Dennard, Americus, GA; two sons, Mr. William Charles Lewis, Oglethorpe, GA and Mr. Joe Wade, Warner Robins, GA; three daughters: Ms. Carolyn Dennard, Americus, GA; Ms. Annie Milledge and Ms. Mary Merritt, both of Atlanta, GA; three sisters: Mrs. Annie (Samuel) Barthell, Mrs. Helen (Wilbur) Sims, all of Americus, GA and Mrs. Shirley (Tom) Terry, Albany, GA; three brothers: Mr. Willie L. (Frances) Dennard, Sr., Mr. Walter L. (Ruby) Dennard, all of Americus, GA and Mr. Jerry Dennard, Atlanta, GA; a son-in-law, Mr. Steve Whitman, Americus, GA; a brother-in-law, Mr. Eddie Foster, Jr., Detroit, MI; 32 grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a devoted friend, Ms. Elizabeth Payne, Americus, GA also survive.