

*Mrs. Laura Bell Smith Greene* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on September 19, 1951, to the parentage of the late Rev. John Henry Smith and the late Mrs. Willie Bell Broner Smith. At an early age, she joined the Shipp Chapel Baptist Church, where she served until her health began to fail. She was attending Saint James Baptist Church, Baconton, Georgia with her daughter. She received her education in the Sumter County System, initially, after the family moved within the city limits of Americus; she was enrolled in the Americus City School System and was a 1969 graduate of A. S. Staley High School. She was employed as a computer tech with Koinonia Partners for 30 years and a clerk with Lake Blackshear Library for 22 years; it was there, at the library, that she could help people and see friends and relatives she would not normally see. One of the things she loved about the library was the fact that she and her co-workers were a family. She took great pride in her work and aimed to perform her duties with fidelity.

In 1978, she met and later married the love of her life, the late Mr. John Greene and to their union, three children were born.

She is preceded in death by her siblings: Ms. Elma Battle, Ms. Lola Wright, Mr. John W. Smith, Ms. Bettye Mercer and Mr. Willie J. Smith, Sr.; her father and mother-in-law: Mr. John L. Greene, Sr. and Mrs. Archie Bell Greene; her sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Ms. Geneva Lusane, Ms. Elizabeth Greene, Ms. Geraldine Holt, and Mr. Curtis L. Greene.

She leaves cherished memories to her son, Mr. John L. Greene, III, Americus, GA; two daughters, Ms. Samantha Greene, Warner Robins, GA and Mrs. Tabitha (Brian) Gay, Americus, GA; eight grandchildren: Deon Hurley, Taliyah Greene, Johnovan Greene, JaCaleb Greene, Bryson Gay, Aniya Wafford, Alayah Gay, and Alonah Gay; her brother, Pastor William (Gloria) Smith, Warner Robins, GA; three brothers-in-law: Mr. Edward (Jennie) Greene, Leslie, GA; Mr. Roosevelt (Amy) Greene, Denver, CO and Mr. Charlie (Yvette) Greene, Albany, GA; six sisters-in-law: Ms. Betty R. Greene, Plains, GA; Mrs. Archie (Charles) Harris, Ms. Diane Furlow, both of Leslie, GA; Mrs. Bertha (Marion) Smith, Ms. Bobbie Greene, and Mrs. Levon (Timothy) Sims, all of Americus, GA; two aunts: Ms. Minnie Lee Battle and Mrs. Inez Green, both of Americus, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.