

*Mrs. Ora Lee Wilkerson Burks* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on February 2, 1932, to the parentage of late Mr. Obie Wilkerson and the late Mrs. Mittie Lee Dowdell Wilkerson. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She lived in Miami, Florida, working as a maid on Miami Beach, before relocating back to Americus, Georgia in 2007. She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Mr. Walter Burks; three brothers: Mr. Obie Wilkerson, Mr. David Wilkerson, and Mr. Joseph Wilkerson; and two sisters, Ms. Clara Crumbley and Ms. Annie Lou Wilkerson.

Memories will be cherished forever by her sons: Mr. Larry Engram, her devoted caregiver of Americus, GA and Mr. Don Colson of Miami, FL; her stepson, Mr. Benjamin (Cynthia) Burks of Los Angeles, CA and a stepdaughter, Ms. Ruth Pitman of Clayton, AL; two sisters, Ms. Elizabeth Wilkerson and Mrs. Mary (Hollis) Douglas, all of Americus, GA; her grandchildren: Richard Engram, Lionel Engram, Sherrie Engram, Zondrae Colson, all of Miami, FL; Natasha Engram, Tampa, FL, and Eriquon (Samatha) Colson, Colorado Springs, CO; six great grandchildren; her devoted friends, Mary Booie, Killeen, TX and Mattie Williams, also her caregiver of Smithville, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends survive.