

**Ms. Mamie Lee Bateman Prater**, affectionately called “Ham,” was born in Sumter County, Georgia on December 31, 1936, to the parentage of the late Mr. Edd Bateman and the late Mrs. Minnie Dean Bateman. She attended the public schools of Sumter County. At the age of 82, she joined the Greater Cedar Springs Baptist Church.

She departed this life on Monday, December 23, 2024, surrounded by her family. She is preceded in death by her siblings: Ms. Eddie Lee Lewis, Mr. John David Bateman, Ms. Annie Louise Cobb, Mr. Charles Bateman, Sr. and Mr. Dean Bateman; three grandchildren: Tamara Burton-Williams, ShaRhonda Darling and Julian Jackson; her son-in-law, Perry Burton, Sr.

She leaves cherished memories to her sons: Mr. Douglas (Effie) Bateman, Tampa, FL and Mr. Artis “Ted” Bateman, Americus, GA; her daughter and caregiver, Ms. Mildred Bateman Burton, Americus, GA; her brother, Mr. Robert Lee Bateman and her sister, Ms. Daisy Bateman, both of Americus, GA; six grandchildren: Perry F. (Minister LaShonda F.) Burton, Andrea N. Burton, Nikita Bateman, Jewel Bateman, David Jackson and Tracie Brown; 18 great grandchildren: Jasmine N. Burkes, Raven S. Burkes, Perry F. Burton, III, D’undrea L. Burton, Andarius Burton, Cameron Burton, Heavenly Evans, Alexis Fletcher, Alailah Willis, Andre’ Curtis, Anthony J. Darling, Julian Jackson, Jr., Gracie Jackson, KaNaiveon Brooks, Kylie Oden, Jeremiah Oden, Gianni Oden and Armani Oden; 11 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, including a devoted niece, Loretta Lewis; nephews, including a devoted nephew, Jesse Bateman; cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.