Mr. James Richard Yancie, Jr. was born in Stewart County, Georgia on May 9, 1963, to the parentage of the late Mr. James Richard Yancie and the late Mrs. Minnie Lee Mulkey Yancie. At an early age, he joined the St. Mark Baptist Church in Weston, Georgia. Later, he moved his membership to the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. He was a 1981 graduate of the Stewart County High School.

His first job was with Golden Peanut in Plains, Georgia. He left there and went to Davidson Rubber Company for 15 years before the plant closed. He then became employed at Cooper Lighting for 15 years. When his career changed again, he went to work for Plateau. After a few years with the company, he wanted to be close to home with his family and gained employment at Interfor Lumber Company in Preston, Georgia.

James was a hardworking and very dedicated man. He definitely was a jack of all trades. There wasn't anything he couldn't do. But most of all, he was a loving man; he loved his family and he was a loving husband.

He is preceded in death by five siblings: Emma Jean Yancie, George Yancie, Richard Yancie, Gonzalez "Buddy" Yancie and Richard Tolbert.

He leaves his cherished memories to his wife of 38 years, Mrs. Eleanor Faye Yancie of Americus, GA; his children: Makell Yancie, Americus, GA; LaRay Davis, Tifton, GA; Montaya Davis, Albany, GA; Kelsey (Juwanna) Yancie, Sr., Lithonia, GA; Krystal Davis, Gabriel Davis, Naquesha Yancie, Chatley Yancie and Kalandra King, all of Americus, GA; his sister, Ms. Dorothy Ann Yancie, Richland, GA; his sisters-in-law: Ms. Gwen Robbins, Atlanta, GA; Ms. Diane Traver and including two devoted sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rosetta (Alvin) Bateman and Mrs. Shelia (Bobby) Angry; a brother-in-law, Mr. Ray (Sally) Lassiter, all of Americus, GA; 15 grandchildren, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.