

*Codane Cutts* was born to Charlie “Bubba” Cutts, Jr. and Juanita Wright Cutts-Foster on December 31, 1951. She was educated in the Americus City Public School System and was one of the first black students to desegregate the city’s public schools. While at A.S. Staley High School, she participated in numerous activities including band, majorette, clubs, and other activities.

After graduation, Codane moved to Florida where she continued her education, raised her family, and worked as a secretary for various organizations. In 1995, she moved back to Americus where she reunited with Samuel Colwell, Sr., her high school sweetheart. They were joined in matrimony in 1999 and shared life together until she transitioned to her heavenly home. Codane and Sam made their home in Columbus, GA where she retired from Golden’s Foundry in 2014.

When asked to describe Codane with one word, family, friends, and coworkers used words such as loving, wise, kind, patient, sincere, forgiving, “master chef,” cheerful, exciting, eccentric, classy, creative, out-spoken and the list goes on. If you met Codane, her smile made such an impression on you that you wouldn’t forget her.

Codane is preceded in death by both of her parents; her sisters, Gladine, Shirley, and Teresa; a brother, Antonio; a daughter, Sonya; and a granddaughter, Quanisha.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel Colwell, Sr.; her children: Trina Leverett, James A. Padgett II, Samuel Colwell, Jr., Tasha L. Carnegie, Tracy L. Miller, and Tronda L. Carnegie; her siblings: Wayne, Warren, Morales, James and Kerry; her grandchildren: Reche, Jazmyne, Michael, Luis, Justin, Josh, Jason, Anthony, Tashiana, Kyra, Cornealious, Samuel III, Samuri, Alexis, LeKendrick, Kaleb, KwaTiera, and KaNiya; her great-grandchildren; four aunts: Reatha Miller, Mary Ann Wright, Bobbie Cole and Gladys Wright; seven uncles: Flate Wright, George Wright, Arthur (Virginia) Wright, Hubert Wright, Douglas Wright, Clifford Cutts and Calvin Cutts; and a host of nieces, nephews cousins, in-laws, other family members and friends; and a special mention: her great-grandpup, Cobra Anthony Hicks.