

*Deacon David Battle* was born to the late Mr. Henry Battle and Mrs. Molly Mayes.

David was born February 23, 1934, in Sumter County, Georgia. David was educated in the Sumter County school system. At an early age, he joined Shipp Chapel Baptist Church where he has served in many capacities.

Deacon Battle was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He pursued a career as a Commercial Truck Driver and worked in that field for nearly fifty years.

On August 21, 1957, David was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mrs. Elma Ruth Smith Battle. They were blessed with five children.

Deacon Battle will certainly be missed by his family, friends, Masonic brothers, neighbors, church members, and community. He was a Godly man who loved to sing. He was a founding member of the Sky Tone Jubilees and the Masonic Gospel Singers. He was an avid reader. His hobbies included reading his Bible, listening to gospel music, and walking throughout the city of Americus, Georgia. It was his faith and devotion to the Lord that allowed him to worship and praise God until He said, "Well Done!"

On Friday, October 16, 2020, God in His most infinite wisdom, called our great patriarch home to rest forever in His greatness. In addition, to his wife of 47 years, David is preceded in death by his two daughters, Patricia Henderson and Valeria Battle; ten siblings; two brothers-in-law, Eddie Mercer and John Greene.

Survivors include his beloved children: Ray (Martha) Johnson, Deborah A. (Pastor Glenn Bryant) Bryant and Vanessa Battle (*Willie ~ deceased*) Edison; his siblings: Henry Lee (Alice) Battle, Sr. and Emma Jean Mercer; eleven grandchildren: Terrell (Marika), Octavia, Albert, Jr. (Catrina), Ken, Marcus, April, Tony, Annette, Glenn, Jr., Angel, and Meco; thirty great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Pastor William Drew (Gloria) Smith and a sister-in-law, Laura Greene; a special friend, Vivian Butler and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, several dedicated neighbors which included Vivian Griffin and Lisa Tatum.