

*Ms. Bernice Bowen* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on November 6, 1950, to the parentage of the late Mr. Grady Edge and the late Mrs. Annie Lou Sampson Edge. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was a member of the Americus Holiness Deliverance Temple.

In 1973, she married the love of life, the late Mr. William C. Bowen, Jr., whom she met in high school and together they raised five children. Being a homemaker, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren— cooking and watching television.

On Tuesday December 12, 2023, at the Pruitt Health Nursing Home in Ashburn, Georgia, she transitioned from labor to reward. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her brother, Mr. Henry Lee Sampson and a sister, Ms. Eula Mae Sampson.

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Mr. Chris (Shanta) Bowen, Cordele, GA; Ms. Latonya (Alex) Hayes, Ms. Janice Bowen, Ms. Delisa Bowen and Ms. Stephanie Bowen, all of Americus, GA; her brothers: Mr. Willie (Willie Ann) Perry and Mr. Grady Edge, Jr. of Americus, GA; her sisters: Mrs. Annie Lee (Leroy) Hooks, Albany, GA and Ms. Bertha Edge, Americus, GA; eleven grandchildren: Alexia, Kendarrious, Alex, Danielle, Anthony, Torris, Omarion, Angel, Trey, Antonio, J'mari and Tiera; four great grandchildren: D'ior, Stormi and the twins, Eiress and Essence; a devoted sister-in-law, Ms. Emma Lou Dismuke and many other in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.