

**Veteran Eddie Frank Mitchell** was born December 9, 1950, in Sumter County, Georgia to the late Mr. Charlie Mitchell and the late Mrs. Minnie Lee Holmes Mitchell. He was a 1971 graduate of Union High School in Leslie, Georgia. That same year, Frank joined the United States Army, serving honorably in active duty and the reserves until 1977. He received the National Defense Service Medal and was stationed in Germany. He was a dedicated member of the C. B. Dowdell American Legion Post #558. As a member of Post #558, Frank spearheaded several momentous events and projects, including the annual Veteran's Day Parade, the Avenue of Flags along Highway 30 West, honoring veterans of all branches, hosting Cancer Awareness events and serving on the Sumter County Georgia Citizens Corp. Additionally, he served on the Executive Board as Judge Advocate and Chairman for the Boys State Committee with Post #558.

After his service in the military, Frank worked for 20 years at Davidson Textron where he retired. He was a security guard at South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia, where he also received a degree in Recreational Science.

Frank was deeply involved in both his church and the community. For over four decades, he served as a Deacon at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. For many years, he served on the Church Van Ministry, traveling the community servicing Project Angel Tree, AWANA, bible study, Sunday School, and the Summer Meal Service Program. His passion was caring for his family and serving others.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers: Charlie, Clyde, Sammy, Roosevelt, John Lee, and John Willie Mitchell.

On September 8, 2001, Frank married Miss Barbara Baisden. In addition to his wife of 24 years, Frank is also survived by his children: sons, Mr. Joshua Aaron Mitchell and Mr. James "AJ" Jones, both of Americus, GA; his daughters: Ms. Janee "Vicky" Jones of Columbus, GA; Mrs. Jamie Baisden Clark (Brian) of Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Lashuntae Floyd (Zent) of Byron, GA; Mrs. Eden Mitchell Edge (Rory) of Cordele, GA; Ms. Ruecille "Cookie" Sharper of Albany, GA and Ms. Sebrina Graham (Lateria) Atlanta, GA: two sisters: Ms. Doshia Watts of Columbus, GA and Ms. Erma Mitchell of Buffalo, NY; three brothers: Mr. Willie Mitchell of Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. Clarence Mitchell (Miranda) of Americus, GA, and Mr. Jessie Mitchell of New Jersey: sisters-in-law: Ms. Bobbie Mitchell, Ms. Eva Jewel Mitchell, and Ms. Essie Mitchell, all of Americus, GA; Ms. Debra Baisden and Ms. Belinda Anderson, both of Atlanta, GA; six brothers-in-law: Mr. Eddie Baisden, Mr. Kertiss Baisden (Pamela), Mr. Bobby Baisden (Timika) and Mr. Charles Baisden, all of Atlanta, GA; Mr. Henry Lee Baisden, San Diego, CA, and Mr. Sylvester Baisden of Americus, GA; thirteen grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends, also survived.