

MR. JOEL WARD was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on September 1, 1945, to the parentage of the late Mr. Lee B. Ward and the late Mrs. Lurleen Bee Ward.

He was a high school graduate of Coffee County High School. On June 22, 1966, he enlisted the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged on April 17, 1970. While serving his country, he received the NDSM AFM 900-3.

He started working at the age of 12 and was a leader for the *Fitzgerald Herald* in Fitzgerald, Georgia, where he worked in letter press shops printing newspaper and commercial jobs that led him to own and operate *The Americus Shopper* and he was proud to pay the postal service for each citizen in the community to receive a copy.

He was married to the late Mrs. Jane Arleen Taylor Ward and to their union, a daughter was born, the late Cynthia “Cindy” Kahle. His siblings also precede him in death.

He leaves cherished memories to his grandsons: Mr. Brandon Kahle of Sallisaw, OK and Mr. Devin Kahle of Americus, GA; two sisters: Mrs. Edith (Jim) Jones of League City, Texas, and Ms. Jane Sliger of Cleveland, Tennessee; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Fran (Ray) Cooper of Dublin, GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.