

Veteran Samuel Whitehead was born on August 15, 1952.

On Sunday, March 15, 2026, God called home His faithful servant, Samuel, who peacefully passed away at his residence in Leslie, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Lois Bryant and Willie Whitehead, Sr., who instilled in him the values of hard work, perseverance, and integrity.

Samuel received his education in the Sumter County School System and was a proud graduate of Sumter County High School, Class of 1970. He continued his academic journey at Morris Brown College and Albany State College before answering the call to serve his country. In 1973, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he honorably served for three years. During his military service, he achieved the rank of Specialist Four (SP4) and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Following his military service, Samuel built a successful career in Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked as an Operations Manager for NationsBank. Later in life, he embraced life on the open road with his furry companion, Tasha, as a truck driver for Landstar Trucking Company, where he dedicated many years before retiring.

Samuel was a man of many talents and passions. He had a deep love for cars and found joy in music, especially karaoke, where he could often be found sharing laughter and good times with family and friends. His presence brought warmth, humor, and a sense of connection to those who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory four loving sisters: Laura Mays Wright, Lillie Bell Mays, Willie Nell H. B. Pitts, and Doris Holt; one brother-in-law, Henry Holt; devoted nieces: Malora Moore, Alacia Troutman, Kimberly Heard, Natoya Williams, Elisabeth Pitts, and Alyssia Holt; devoted nephews: Keithon Heard, Kendrell Heard, M. Elijah Pitts, and Alexander Holt; along with a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

He also leaves to cherish his memory a very special and dear friend, Carrie Snead, whose companionship, care, and unwavering friendship meant so much to him.

Samuel's life was a testament to service, dedication, and love for family. Though he is no longer with us, his legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.