

Ms. Nathelma Bryant Iverson was born on August 27, 1935, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. Burlond Bryant and the late Mrs. Bessie Lee Raven Bryant. She was the youngest child born to their union.

At an early age, Ms. Iverson joined Lebanon Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in several capacities throughout the years. Her service included membership in the Senior Choir, serving as an advisor for the Junior Usher Ministry, and serving as treasurer of the Christian Family Cluster Circle Ministry. She was also a lifetime member of Rohoma Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star.

Ms. Iverson was a dedicated and hardworking woman who spent more than 25 years employed with the Manhattan Shirt Company. In 2000, she began working with the Sumter County Board of Education Transportation Department, where she served as a school bus driver for several years.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Ms. Iverson found great joy in spending time with her family, particularly when they gathered to share meals and enjoy one another's company. She also took tremendous pride and pleasure in selling Avon products, an endeavor that brought her personal fulfillment.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Gladys Watson, Marie and Benjamin Payne, Bessie and George Cole, Essie and Elijah English, Clottee and Jessie Wadell, Burlond Bryant, Jr., William and Mary Bryant, Johnnie Bryant, Joseph and Jessie B. Bryant; her son-in-law, Mack Arthur Polk; and one grandson, Gregory Polk.

Cherished memories of her life will forever remain in the hearts of her children: the Reverend James Curtis (Yvonne) Iverson and Mrs. Shirley Polk, both of Americus, Georgia, and Mr. Nathaniel Bryant and Ms. Shantel (Ricky) Worthy, both of Plains, Georgia; her sister, Mrs. Occie Lee Washington of Archbald, Pennsylvania; and her grandchildren: Sheriff Eric (Suleania) Bryant, Mr. Demetry Polk, Mr. Bruce Lovette, Mrs. Ericia (Edward) Sanchez, Ms. Kimberly Worthy, Mr. Nathaniel Bryant Jr., Mrs. Brenda (Jeff) Hall, Mr. Reginald (Gladys) Polk, Mr. Mack (Tammie) Polk Jr., and Mrs. Jacque Polk.

A host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends also survive to cherish her memory.