

Mr. Joseph Lee French was born in Smithville, Lee County, Georgia on March 13, 1950, to the parentage of the late Mr. Ruben French, Sr. and the late Mrs. Willie Pearl Floyd French. He received his education from the Lee County Training School. At an early age, he joined the Jerusalem Grove Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. M. C. Jenkins. He was employed for over 37 years with Cooper Lighting. He is preceded in death by a son, Anthony West and a daughter, Angela Thornton; three sisters: Dorine French Reagon, Rosa Majors and Shuyrine Johnson and two brothers: George Edward French and Elijah French, Sr.

“Joe Lee”, as he was affectionately called, loved his garden, and would open it for everyone to enjoy. He had a heart of gold and was a #1 DAD.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his fiancé, Ms. Natashi Thomas, Americus, GA; his son, Mr. Joseph French, Jr. and fiancé, Monique Pickett, Americus, GA; his daughter, Ms. Belinda (Johnny) Anderson, Atlanta, GA; four brothers: Mr. Willie (Lisa) French, Parrot, GA; Mr. Dewy Johnson, Mr. Archie Johnson, both of Albany, GA and his brother and best friend, Mr. Ruben (Cynthia) French, Smithville, GA; ten sisters: Ms. Bobbie Young, Mrs. Annie Ruth (Rody) Minter, Mrs. Ruby (Johnny) Hawkins, a devoted sister, Ms. Brenda French, all of Smithville, GA; Ms. Beverly Walton, Bronwood, GA; Ms. Nellie Harris, Ms. Linda Smith, both of Americus, GA; Mrs. Valerie (Patrick) Hughes, Mrs. TyRhonda (Robert) Tolbert and Mrs. Elaine (Marvin) Mann, all of Warner Robins, GA; three aunts: Ms. Gladys Floyd, Detroit, MI; Ms. Mary French, Smithville, GA and Ms. Rena Floyd, Syracuse, NY; one brother-in-law, Mr. John Reagon, Americus, GA; seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, including devoted nephews: Nicholas French, Lamont Clyde and Kelvin French; cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.