

Mr. Mack Arthur Polk was born on August 8, 1939, in Mt. Dora, Lake County, Florida, to the late Mr. John A. Polk and the late Mrs. Hessie Bell Schley Lewis. He received his education in the public schools of Lake County, Florida.

“Mack,” as he was affectionately called, later moved to New York, where he was employed by the city. He eventually returned to Mt. Dora, Florida, where he worked in the orange groves and with the city’s sanitation department. Years later, he relocated to Americus, Georgia, where he gained employment with Triple A Mobile Home Parts and Services and Redmond Homes, Inc. He later worked as a truck driver with Ratliff and Short Trucking Company, faithfully serving in that role for over 15 years.

He was a faithful member of Lebanon Baptist Church, where he honorably served on the Board of Deacons.

Mack was an avid card and chess player and a devoted sports fan who cheered passionately for all Georgia teams. He especially enjoyed watching the games on his big-screen television. Known for his contagious laugh, Mack had a way of bringing joy into any room — a laugh that could make you smile even when you were upset.

Mack was married to the late Mrs. Freddie Mae Roberts, and to this union five children were born. His son, Gregory A. Polk, preceded him in death.

On July 9, 1978, he married Mrs. Shirley Bryant Polk, and to their union one son was born, Demetry Polk.

In addition to his parents and son, he was preceded in death by three brothers: James “Sonny” Lewis, Charlie Lewis, and Eugene Lewis; and two sisters: Willie Lee Polk and Patricia Lewis.

Left to cherish his loving memories are his devoted wife of 47 years, Mrs. Shirley Polk of Americus, GA; his children, including a bonus son, Mr. Mack A. (Tammie) Polk, Jr., of Columbus, GA; Mr. Reginald (Gladys) Polk, Mr. Demetry Polk, and Mr. Eric (Sulenia) Bryant, all of Americus, GA; two daughters, Mrs. Brenda (Jeff) Hall of Americus, GA and Ms. Stephanie E. Polk of Plains, GA; his sisters, Ms. Johnnie Miller and Ms. Miriam Franklin, both of Plains, GA; Mrs. Lemetria Nelson and Ms. Sybie Johnson, both of Orlando, FL; his brothers, Mr. Jimmy Bridley and Mr. Britt Johnson, both of Orlando, FL; his mother-in-law, Ms. Nathelma Bryant of Plains, GA; his daughter-in-law, Ms. Jacqueline W. Polk of Americus, GA; two sisters-in-law, Ms. Shantel Worthy, and friend, Ricky Darby of Plains, GA and Ms. Gloria Jones of Bloomfield, CT; two brothers-in-law, Mr. Nathaniel Bryant of Plains, GA and Rev. Curtis (Yvonne) Iverson of Americus, GA; his cherished grandchildren: Kandis, Reneka, Gregory, Kerry, Brittany (Krerre), Brandon M., Raven, Tracey, Oceaunna, Tiran, DJ, Chris, Eric, Jr., Harrison, Haleigh, Mack Polk, III, Zerrick, Damon, Shemica, Cynthia, Samantha and Bland, Jr.; his beloved great-grandchildren: Quarteisha (Montavious), Anisha, Tintalana, Ze’Kayla, Markarius, Ze’Asia, Zeniya, Zerrick, Jr., Emily, Kinsley, Jordan, Lauren, Dekayla, Gregory III, Malik, Trezare, Tylar, B’Anca, Brandon, Brayshon, Affinity, BreAsia, Jordan, Taylor, Shakedria, Porsha, Shanika, Trell, Jakyrah, Endiya, Brodrick, Varis, Jaquan, Joshua and Noah; nine great-great-grandchildren: Jaiden, Aurielle, Kaison, Amarri, Jayee, Kalani, Kaiden, Adrian, and Bryson; his godson, Mr. Emory Mack of Inglewood, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including devoted cousins and a friend: Henry Polk of Plains, GA; JoAnn Cox of Plant City, GA; Ricky (Denise) Polk of Tampa, FL; and Leonard Ross of Satellite Beach, FL; Mr. Charles Johnson.

Mack’s life was a testament to faith, family, hard work, and joy. His legacy of laughter, love, and devotion will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.