

VETERAN SERGEANT ARTHUR LEE BOONE, JR., was born in Sumter County, Georgia, on November 18, 1941, to the late Mr. Arthur Boone, Sr. and the late Mrs. Annie Mae Reynolds Boone. He received his education in the Sumter County Public School System. He received his education in the Sumter County Public School System. He joined Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, at an early age under the leadership of Rev. W. B. Mathis. He later moved his membership to Old Antioch Baptist Church, where he proudly sang in the Male Choir.

SGT Boone was employed for many years with Cooper Lighting and later with the Sumter County School System as a school bus driver. He was also a longtime and active member of St. Bartholomew Lodge #177 in Plains, Georgia, and C.B. Dowdell American Legion Post 558 in Americus, Georgia. He played an instrumental role in establishing the first Veterans Day Parade in Americus in 2014 with Post 558—a tradition that continues today.

Affectionately known as “Lee” or “Boone,” SGT Boone proudly served his country for more than 20 years with a distinguished record in the United States Army, United States Army Reserve, and the Georgia Army National Guard. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service were evident throughout his military career. He served his fellow soldiers and his nation with honor, courage, and integrity.

On Friday, November 28, 2025, he peacefully departed this life, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and devotion. He shall forever be remembered.

“Lee” or “Boone” was preceded in death by his daughter, Rosalyn Denise Boone, and his siblings: Lee Oner Boone, Rosie Boone Perry, Willie Raymond Boone, John Arthur Boone, Oscar Lawson, J.C. Lawson, Henry Lee Boone, Eunice Boone Alford, Robert Lee Boone, Charlie Lee Boone, Gladys Boone Monts, and Willie Lee Boone.

He leaves to cherish his memory four daughters: Ms. Tonija Boone; Mrs. Deidra Snead (and devoted son-in-law, Christopher); Ms. Kendra Boone, all of Americus, Georgia; and Ms. Angela B. Merritt and friend, Mr. Eugene Turner, of Kathleen, Georgia. He is also survived by two sons: Mr. Keffery McCuller and Mr. Arthur L. Boone III (“AJ”) and friend, Ms. Ka’Brianna Wilkerson, all of Americus, Georgia.

He is lovingly remembered by one sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Seay (and devoted brother-in-law, Charlie) of Americus, Georgia; his in-laws: Ms. Brenda Boone and Ms. Barbara Boone of Americus, Georgia; Ms. Angeline Boone of Plainfield, New Jersey; and Ms. Afegalai “Lai” Boone of Buena Park, California; and his uncle, Mr. Phillip (Mamie) Reynolds of Americus, Georgia.

His legacy continues through eleven grandchildren—Eric (Yasmine) Merritt Jr., Raven Hampton, Senior Airman Jalen Griffin, Tamia Merritt, Saige Maddox, Kearsten McCuller, Tyler Boone, Greyson Boone, Reagan Boone, and Chanel Walker, devoted granddaughter, Morgan Brown and three great-grandchildren: Reign Policarpio, Layla Merritt, and Kyro Merritt.

A host of nieces and nephews, including a devoted niece, Evette R. Boone; cousins; other relatives; and friends—including a devoted friend, Mr. Clyde Tullis—also survive.