

MR. JAMES H. TATUM, affectionately called “Tatum-Man,” was born March 3, 1951, in Plains, Sumter County, Georgia to the late parentage of the late Mr. James Norman Tatum and the late Mrs. Ruth Brinson Tatum. At an early age, he joined the Lebanon Baptist Church. Later, he moved his membership to the Church of Christ in Preston, Georgia. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. James was employed with Cooper Lighting for over 35 years before he retired in 2009. Anybody that knew him, knew that he enjoyed fixing and repairing lawn mowers and gardening.

James is preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Bridges Tatum; his son, Mr. Jermaine Johnson; three sisters: Ms. Geraldine T. Sims, Ms. Erma R. Hicks, and Ms. Verlie Marshall; four brothers: Mr. Calvin Tatum, Mr. Kenny Tatum, Mr. Henry Tatum, and Mr. Ernest Tatum.

James leaves to cherish his memories his son, James Horman Tatum, Jr. Americus, GA and his daughter, Ms. Lisa Michelle Tatum, all of Americus, GA; a brother, Mr. Arthur Curtis Tatum, Plains, GA and a sister, Mrs. Charlene (Clarence) Harvey of Killeen, TX; five brothers-in-law: Mr. Earnest Hicks, Jr., Columbus, GA; Mr. James Marshall, Plains, GA; Mr. Timothy (Linda) Bridges, Mr. Jackie Rye Bridges and Mr. Nathaniel Bridges, all of Americus, GA; four sisters-in-law: Ms. Barbara Tatum, Ms. Mary (Ray) Moses, Ms. Martha Mitchell, Ms. Evelyn Bridges, all of Americus, GA; two uncles: Mr. James Patterson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Mr. Eddie (Vera) Brinson, Miami, FL; three devoted friends: Mr. Silas Bullard, Mr. James Ross and the Barker family, all of Americus, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.