

MS. BERTHA ROSS, affectionately known as “Bert”, was the middle daughter of the late Catherine and James Prigeon. At a very early age, Bert professed her faith, accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, and was baptized at Union Tabernacle Baptist Church. She was educated in the public-school system of Sumter County and was a proud graduate of the Americus High School Class of 1971. Bert began her career at Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare, where she faithfully served those with mental and physical disabilities for over 34 years. Upon retiring, Bert continued to serve her community for the next 16 years as a Residential Property Manager at Starlight Place in Americus, GA, where she officially retired in 2020. She is preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Daniels.

Bert’s motto was, *Life is too short to live the same day twice*. She lived life to the fullest until she departed this world peacefully on February 1, 2024.

Her passing is a deep loss for her family and friends. She will be greatly missed. Those who will be most profoundly deprived of her love, joy, and genuineness include her loving and devoted son, Courtney B. Ross; three closely bonded sisters: Martha (Willie) Reynolds and Bettie (Larry) Harvey of Americus, GA; Tammie (Mack, Jr.) Polk of Columbus, Georgia; and a host of affectionate nieces, nephews, and relatives.