

*Mrs. Lavans Woodson Dowdell* was born in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida on June 10, 1946, to the parent of the late Ms. Jessie Woodson. She received her education in the Palm Beach County School System. Later in her life, she moved to Americus, Georgia with family. At an early age, she joined the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. She fellowshipped with the Prayer, Praise, Preach & Deliverance under the leadership of the late Minister Vernell Carter, where she received her Missionary license. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, and friend.

On May 3, 1970, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. J. S. Dowdell, Sr. who was affectionately called "Jake." She is also preceded in death by her sister, Daisy Carracter; brother, Walter Sonny Carracter; mother-in-law, Susie Monson and brothers-in-law, Ronald Boatwright and Angie Monson

Left to cherish her memories are her children: Mr. Justice (Rachel) El-Bey, Warner Robins, GA; Mr. Joseph (Diane) Monts, Jr., Ms. Alnita Dowdell, Ms. Pertina Dowdell, Ms. Kalisha Dowdell and Johnny Leverett, all of Americus, GA and Mr. Jacob (LaKimberly) Dowdell, Jr. of South Carolina; her sister, Ms. Freddie Mae West, Albany, GA; her grandchildren: Terence Edwards, Andreas Edwards, Bishop Charlie James, Jr., Joshua Monts, Breanca Denmark-Grant, Diamond Denmark, Shaquanna Denmark-Cook, Jeremy Fuller, Olivia (Ethan) Harris, Deante Dowdell and fiancé, Jtaijah Akins, Jeylyn Dowdell, Correll Dowdell and fiancé, Ashley Woodson, Devon Dowdell, Danyel Dowdell, Tyler Dowdell, and Chelsey Harvey; her brothers and sisters-in-law: Mr. Lloyd Monson, Ms. Deborah Monson, Mr. Darryl (Terri-Jo) Monson, Mrs. Deborah (Ronald) Cunningham, Mrs. Shirley (Gary) Davis, Ms. Dell Jones, Ms. Eula Boatwright, Mrs. Fanita (Larry) Taylor and Ms. Linda Smith; a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a dedicated friend and cousin, Ms. Kaye Bivins; dedicated friend and caregiver, Ms. Betty Austin and her caregiver, Ms. Keyshawn Watson also survive.