

Sandra “SAND” *Ann Reese* was born April 2, 1966, in Americus, Georgia to Natherine Bartley and Thomas Bartley. She was educated in the Sumter County public school system. At an early age, she joined Old Shady Grove Baptist Church where she was a faithful member of the church home she loved.

On June 24 ,1995, she married her best friend and life partner, Tommie Reese. For 25 years, they loved, laughed, traveled, and created everlasting memories together.

Through the years, Sand was a dedicated employee of Hickey Springs, Walmart, and Family Dollar.

Sand always had a smile on her face. Anytime you saw her, she had a warm smile and a kind word for you. Sand knew EVERYBODY and would not hesitate to stop and speak if she saw you out. She was not the person to go in Walmart with if you were looking to be in and out. A quick store run would turn into a 30-minute trip with her stopping to talk. All you could do was stand and wait because she was not going to be rushed out of the door.

Sand was love. If she loved you, you knew it. If she considered you a friend, you instantly became family. If you needed anything, all you had to do was ask. Her heart was as big as her smile.

She leaves a legacy of love and many fond memories to her beloved husband of twenty five years, Tommie Lee Reese of Americus, GA.; her parents: Natherine Bartley and Thomas Bartley, both of Americus, GA; sister, Fleisha Bartley and brother, Travis Bartley (Sharon), all of Americus, GA; a devoted niece, Shakeitha Holloway (Maurice) of Americus, GA; aunts: Beulah West, Roberta West, both of Newark, NJ; Gwendolyn Williamson (Eddie) of Augusta, GA; Evelyn West of Wichita Falls, TX; uncles: Henry West (Willella) of Blackjack, MO; Freddie Lee West and Willie James West (Cynthia), all of Newark, NJ; Terry Lee Bartley of Columbus, GA; sisters-in-law: Betty Rivers (Major) of Leesburg, GA; Susie Kears (Jehovah) of Severn, MD; Rosie Sims (Jerome) of DeSoto, GA; Tawanna Reese of Americus, GA; brothers-in-law: Eddie Biggins (Annie), Jake Reese, Jr. (Mary), Jimmy Reese (Nancy), all of DeSoto, GA; Robert Reese (Vanessa) and David Reese (Tonya), all of Americus, GA; two devoted friends: Cassandra Carter and Shelle Clark; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.