

*Mr. Johnny F. Smith, Sr.* was born on September 10, 1927, to the parentage of the late Mr. Arthur Smith and the late Mrs. Lizzie Stewart Smith. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County. He accepted Christ at an early age. He was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Mrs. Queen E. Lillard Smith. He was employed with the Pulpwood Company until he retired.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he is also preceded in death by a son, Johnny Smith, Jr., nine brothers and two sisters.

Left to cherish his memories are eight children: Willie James Smith of Smithville, GA; Clarence (Cynthia) Colbert, Calvin Colbert, all of Fort Pierce, FL; Lewis (Nettie) Smith of Philadelphia, PA; Minnie Austin, Bernice (Anthony) Williams, Gloria Jackson and Susie (Kelvin) Burnam, all of Americus, GA; five stepchildren: Alfonia Banks, Cassandra Banks, both of Americus, GA; Ilene Garrett and friend, John Adams, Plains, GA; Calvin (Shanita) Banks, Preston, GA and Henry Charles (Shawanda) Welborn, Smithville, GA; his grandchildren and great grandchildren, including a devoted granddaughter, Erica "Panky" Hawkins, a devoted great grandson, Rishaud "DaBaby" Hubbard and Maurice "Dinky Boy" Durham, Nick "Nicky Boy" Banks, and Jermond "Mr. Zeke" Powell, who "Papa Johnny" raised as his own; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.