

*Mrs. Melissa Rose Green Hightower* was born in Sumter County, Georgia on March 23, 1979, to the parent of Mr. Ulysses Green and Ms. Laverne Postell, both who survive. She received her education in the public schools of Cobb County and was a 1997 graduate of Campbell High School. She received an associate's degree in Accounting from South Georgia Technical School and was pursuing a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southwestern State University. Melissa was employed with Total System Services in Columbus, Georgia as an associate in the Fraud Department. She was married to Mr. Artis Hightower, Jr. for 11 years but was each other's partner for over 23 years; together they raised four children.

In addition to her father, Mr. Ulysses Green of Americus, GA; her mother, Ms. Laverne Postell of Atlanta, GA and her husband, Mr. Artis Hightower, Jr. of Americus, GA, left to cherish her memories are four children: Kiara Feltus, Killeen, TX; Jasmine Feltus, Columbus, GA, Jordan Taylor; Americus, GA and Bryson Hightower, Americus, GA; a brother, Kendrell Barker and two sisters, Daniella Barker and Pandora Barker, all of Americus, GA; three sisters-in-law: Sharell Roberts, Newton, GA; Vera (Wesley) Alexander, Stafford, VA and Minnie (Oliver) Simmons, Beaufort, SC; two grandchildren: Kayson Williams, Killeen, TX and Amoni Taylor, Americus, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, including a devoted cousin who was like a sister, Tabitha Jones; other relatives and friends also survive.