Ms. Gandra Mae Merritt was born in Sumter County, Georgia on March 29, 1960, to the parents of the late Mr. Bobby Merritt and Mrs. Lillie Mae Angry Merritt, who survives. She received her education in the public-school system of Sumter County. She worked passionately for Perfect Care Assisted Living before she was forced to retire due to her health. At an early age, she joined and was baptized at St. John A.M.E. Church, Plains, Georgia. Sandra was a very compassionate woman and played a motherly role to all her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. She had an exceptional ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

In addition to her father, Sandra is preceded in death by her maternal aunts and uncles: Robert Lee Angry, Rufus Angry, George Angry, Charlie Angry, Nettie Ruth Jackson, Mattie Williams, and Collie M. Williams; her paternal aunts and uncles: Jason King, Sr., Edward Joseph, and Alma Mackey.

She leaves to cherish with loving memories: her loving and devoted mother, Ms. Lillie Mae Angry Merritt, Americus, GA; her daughter, Ms. Lakisha Merritt, Warner Robin, GA and two sons, Mr. Adrian (Shikita) Merritt and Mr. James Green, Jr., all of Americus, GA; six grandchildren: Deuntria James, Mendrell Minnis, Jr., Cameron Merritt, all of Warner Robins, GA; Ajada Merritt, Amani Merritt of Americus, GA and Ajadeen Cunningham, Albany, GA: one great grandson, Zakhari Minnis, Americus, GA; three sisters: Ms. Mary Ann Merritt, Ms. Gale Denise Merritt and Ms. Shawnda Caprice Merritt, all of Americus, GA; three brothers: Mr. John Wayne Merritt, Mr. Bobby Merritt, both of Americus, GA, and Mr. Marcellous (Keysha) Austin of South Carolina; one maternal aunt, Ms. Bertha Mae Evans, Miami, FL; three paternal aunts: Ms. Leanna White, Americus, GA; Ms. Mildred Styles, Plains, GA and Ms. Ola Mae White, Akron, OH; one paternal uncle, Mr. Freddie Clark, Sr., Americus, GA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, including a devoted cousin, Ms. Dorothy Mackey; other relatives and friends including devoted friends, Ms. Mary Nell Poole and Ms. Sonya Bateman survive.