

MR. WILLIE C. MERRITT was born in Sumter County, Georgia on November 1, 1946, to the parentage of the late Mr. Hope Merritt and the late Mrs. Irene West Merritt. As a child, he joined the Union Tabernacle Baptist Church. He attended the public schools of Sumter County and he also attended Albany State College. He was self-employed and owned a daycare for 30 years. He retired from the Air Force after serving four years. He was an antique car show enthusiast and an urban cowboy having owned horses. He was married to the late Mrs. Patricia Dunn Merritt.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he is preceded in death by his brothers: Hope Merritt, Jr., James Merritt and Phil Merritt; one sister, Ms. Josephine Merritt and a stepson, Broderick Dunn.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his sister, Ms. Carolyn Melinda Merritt, Americus, GA; three sisters-in-law: Ms. Rene Merritt, Ms. Willa Merritt, both of Atlanta, GA and Ms. Alice (Benjamin) Heggs of Warner Robins, GA; a host of nieces, including a devoted niece, Ms. Ivy Merritt and nephews, including a devoted nephew, Mr. Reginald (Cathy) Merritt, all of Americus, GA; cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.