

Mr. Roy James Tyner, Jr. was born on September 25, 1950, in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. Roy James Tyner, Sr. and the late Mrs. Ella Bess Leggett Tyner. He received his formal education through the Sumter County Public School System. At an early age, he accepted Christ and united with Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, laying a strong foundation of faith that guided him throughout his life.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Tyner was a professional truck driver, including several years of dedicated service with the Saint Trucking Company. Throughout his many years in the trucking industry, he also rendered service to several other companies. Known throughout the trucking community by the handle “Ghost Rider”, he was admired for his skill, dedication, and unwavering work ethic. To the many friends and drivers he trained and mentored, he was affectionately known as “A Legend”.

“Bo Didley”, as he was affectionately called, was united in holy matrimony to the late Mae Frances Merritt on November 26, 1969. Together, they built a loving family rooted in love, devotion, and strength.

In addition to his beloved wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his cherished daughter, Angela R. Tyner and his brothers, Marvin Tyner and John Thomas Feagin.

Mr. Tyner was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, caring brother, supportive uncle, and loyal friend. He was known for his wisdom, strength, humility, and willingness to help others. His presence touched countless lives, and his legacy of love, faith, mentorship, and hard work will continue to live on through generations. On December 16, 2025, God gently called our beloved James from labor to eternal rest.

Left to cherish his precious memories are his loving children: Tesa Tyner Jackson of Americus, Georgia; Sharon Melissa (Alvin) Jackson, of Atlanta, Georgia; Kelly Clarissa Tyner of Americus, Georgia; Natalie Lasha Tyner of Warner Robins, Georgia; Ramona Binn, Mario Tyner, and Hernando Tyner, all of Americus, Georgia.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his devoted sisters, Mrs. Ella Kate (Olin D.) Richey of Hartford, Connecticut and Mrs. Earnestine (James) Baker of Augusta, Georgia; his beloved grandchildren: Coretta Davis, Codarius Lewis, Tommy Jackson, Treylin Jackson, Idaysha Sims, Kira Sims, Jeterria Boone, Malachi Lockett, Jaliyah Hurley, Ky’ree Frederick, Noah White, Ishmael Shinholster, Angela Hercules, Shyteria Young, Corderius Whitehead, Mario Tyner, Jr., Jacob Tyner, and Devonta Tyner; 14 great-grandchildren; his loving niece and nephew, Derrick Tyner and Jennifer Feagin; and a host of loving cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever cherish his memory.

He didn’t just live — he left a legacy. A name spoken with respect, a life lived with purpose, and love that will echo through generations. Well done, good and faithful servant.