

VETERAN ANDRE' KEITH MERRITT was born in Sumter County, Georgia on August 1, 1973, to the parents of Mrs. Ira Merritt Tullis and Mr. John C. Tullis. He received his education in the public school system and was a graduate of the Americus High School Class of 1991. He attended Albany Technical College, where he received a diploma in Industrial Electricity. On April 19, 1992, he entered the United States Navy Reserve, where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (First award) and the Battle Efficiency Ribbon (First Award). He was honorably discharged on April 8, 1994. On January 8, 1998, he entered the United States Army, where he received an Army Lapel Button, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar. He was honorably discharged on July 1, 2002. He was employed as a Counselor with Global Payments in Columbus, Georgia.

Andre' is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ms. Azzie Lee Merritt and Mr. Clarence Merritt; an uncle, Mr. Sammie Merritt and aunts, Ms. Izola Mathis and Ms. Caroline Carruthers.

In addition to his parents, Mr. John C. and Mrs. Ira Merritt Tullis, Americus, GA, he leaves to cherish his memories: one daughter, Ms. Shandrea Merritt; one brother, Mr. Travis Tullis and friend, Ms. Sherry Grover; one sister, Mrs. Renae (Michael) Volley, all of Americus, GA; his grandparents, Mr. John C. and Mrs. Eddie Jo Tullis, Americus, GA; two uncles, Mr. George (Barbara) Tullis, Buena Vista, GA and Mr. Willie Carruthers, Americus, GA; two aunts, Ms. Peggy Tullis and friend, Mr. Jerry Myrick, Smithville, GA and Mrs. Oveda (Robert) Jackson, Americus, GA; a stepdaughter, Ms. Lataya Carter and three step grandchildren; and a host of nieces, including devoted nieces: Trinity Tullis, Tiana Tullis, Tierra Tullis and Tiffany Tullis; nephews, including devoted nephews: Michael Volley, Jr., Carmelo Volley and Quantarius Tullis; cousins, including devoted cousins: Eric Merritt, Kim Davis, Shonda Blackmon, and Kenneth Solomon; other relatives and friends also survive.