Warren was born on November 26, 1956, in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia, to the parentage of the late Ms. Juanita Wright and the late Mr. John Lee Barnum, Jr.

He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and later attended South Georgia Technical College, where he earned a diploma in brick masonry. A skilled master mason, Warren took great pride in his craftsmanship and generously shared his talents with others. Whether making repairs or building a new structure, he never hesitated to lend a helping hand to family and friends.

Beyond his craftsmanship, Warren enjoyed watching basketball, keeping abreast of current events and political affairs, and engaging in conversations about the latest political topics. He was also quite skilled at grilling.

In addition to his parents, Warren was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Wright; his brothers: Antonio Cutts, John L. Barnum, III, and Dennis C. Barnum, Sr. and James Kelly; his sisters: Codane Cutts Colwell, Shirley McGarrah, Theresa Parkinson, and Yvonne Butler; and his aunts and uncles: George Wright, Bobbie Cannon, Floyd Wright, Donald Ware, and Ruby Jean Wright.

Warren leaves to cherish his memory his children: Tameka Arnett, Leonardo Bateman, Karol D. Wright, and Selena Black; his siblings: Wayne Wright, Kerry Wright, Moralis Cutts, Lorena (Darrell) Barnum Sabbs, Gary Daniels, James L. (Patricia) Davis, and Abdula Muhammed; his in-laws: Samuel Colwell, Martha Payne Barnum and Belinda Barnum; his aunts and uncles: Mary Ann (Harrison) Thomas, Reather (Reginald) Miller, Arthur (Virginia) Wright, Flate Wright, Jr., and Hubert (Gloria Jean) West; nine grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, including a devoted nephew, Broderick Whitehead; and other relatives and friends, including Don Clemons, Milton Terry, and Robert Jackson.