## Remembering the Life of MR. JOHNNY LEE BATTLE

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....led by Rev. Shirley Strawter

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Selection.....Sis. Sandra Wooden

Prayer.....Steward William Wooden

Scripture......Old Testament and New Testament Elder Marcus Jackson Prophetic Mantle Vision Fellowship

Reflections......Open to Friends limit 2 minutes

Selection.....Sis. Sandra Wooden

Eulogy......Rev. Shirley Strawter St. John A.M. E. Church

Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.

God saw you were getting weary, so He did what He thought best. He came and stood beside you and whispered, "come and rest." You bade no one a last farewell, not even a goodbye. You were gone before we knew and only God knows why.

## forever in our hearts Mr. Johnny Lee Battle October 17, 1936 - May 14, 2023

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST Lebanon Cemetery Plains, GA 31780

#### **Pallbearers**

Mr. Tocoma Williams Mr. Tyrone Williams Mr. Corey Williams Mr. Maurice Grayson, Jr. Mr. Michael Cassidente Mr. James A. Battle Mr. Jonathan Battle

> **Flower Attendants** Friends of the Family

## Acknowledgements

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by you, our kind and loving "friends and neighbors." Thank you each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall ever be forgotten.

## THE FAMILY

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Escort Courtesy: Sumter County Sheriff's Office Americus Police Department

# IN LOVING

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 17, 1936

SUNSET: MAY 14, 2023

theme Joing Dervice Saturday, May 20,

from the sanctuary Lebanon Baptist Church

> 403 Bottsford Road Plains, Georgia 31780

> > Officiant **Rev. Shirley**

Strawter St. John A.M.E Church

### *The Life Story of* MR. JOHNNY LEE BATTLE

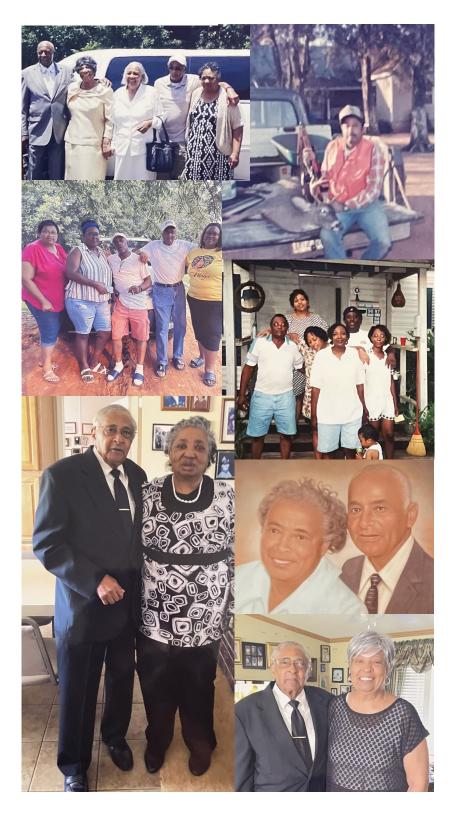
 $M_{R.}$  JOHNNY LEE BATTLE was born on October 17, 1936, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the proud parents of the late Mr. Emory Battle and the late Mrs. Jessie Bell Sutton Battle. He received his education in the public school system of Sumter County.

In 1965, he moved to Los Angeles, California, where he became a factory worker. Years later, he returned to Americus, Georgia where he pursued a career in construction and painting. He was a hard worker and great provider—leaving no stone unturned. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, gardening, and cooking; simply put, he was a jack of all trades.

At an early age, he joined the Shady Grove Baptist Church. Years later, he joined St. John A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Pastor Shirley Strawter.

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, at Phoebe Sumter Medical center, Johnny Lee Battle was called, and he answered. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Lula Bell Battle and two brothers, Arthur Lee Battle and Wille Lee Battle; three brothers-in-law: Eddie Sampson, Tommy Williams Sr., and Danley Register.

He leaves to cherish his memories, the love of his life, his devoted wife of 48 years, Mrs. Inez Sheppard Battle of Plains, GA; his loving and devoted children: Ms. Clora Calloway of Americus, GA; Ms. Sharon Williams of Chesapeake, VA; Mrs. Cordelia (Theo) Riley of Hampton, GA; Ms. Ceretta Sheppard of Hampton, GA; Mr. Johnny Lee (Charlita) Battle, Jr. of Hartford, CT; Mr. Michael Scott (Sandrina) Battle of Americus, GA and Mr. Dexter Kennedy (Lillian) Battle of Jacksonville, NC; three sisters: Ms. Jessie Pearl Williams of Americus, GA; Ms. Virginia Sampson of Los Angeles, CA and Ms. Ethel Register of Cusseta, GA; an adopted daughter, Ms. Betty Greene of Plains, GA; an adopted son, Mr. Terrance Baker of Albany, GA; he is also leaving a legacy of love to his 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; his in-laws: Mr. Larry (Connie) Sheppard of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mrs. Bertha (Walt) Bruce of Plains, GA and Mr. Willie Sheppard of Columbus, GA; and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a devoted friend, Ms. Susie Henderson of Plains, GA.



m202 36 My soul is at rest. **LTLE** BAT EE YNNHC

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together again."