## MRS. MARY ELIZABETH SINGLETON HAMPTON was born in

Sumter County, Georgia on April 15, 1940, to the parentage of the late Lewis Singleton, Sr. and the late Lula Singleton. Mary received her education from McCoy Hill and Staley High School. At an early age, she joined Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Julius Wilson. Mary was married to the late Joe Hampton, Jr., and to their union, six children were born. Mary, lovingly called "Lil", was a home maker. She enjoyed cooking, singing, attending church, and spending quality time with her family. She also enjoyed taking care of other people's children.

While attending Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Mary was a member of the Bertha Tucker Willing Workers, Busy Bee Club, and the Senior Choir. Mary later became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by a daughter, Delores Brown; a brother, Lewis Singleton, Jr. and two sisters, Ms. Florine Singleton and Ms. Willie Mae Hodge.

She leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Mr. Rick (Carolyn) Hamilton and Mr. Rodney Hampton, all of Americus, GA; five daughters: Ms. Anita (James) Crew, Ms. Maria Black, Ms. Tracy Hampton, Mrs. Deborah (Gerald) Johnson, all of Americus, GA and Mrs. Stephanie (Darryl) Turner, Jacksonville, FL; three sisters: Ms. Katherine Singleton, Columbus, GA; Mrs. Hattie (Chris) Butler and Ms. Connie Walter, all of Americus, GA; seventeen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; two god-sons, Mr. Terrell Tyson and Mr. Stanley Green; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including devoted friends, Mr. James Wilson, Ms. Jewel Josey and Ms. Arrena Boone also survive.