

VETERAN ARTHUR JAMES “ART” WILSON completed his earthly life on June 21, 2022, at the Four County Health & Rehabilitation Center in Richland, Georgia. He was born on December 17, 1946, to the parentage of the late Mr. Willie Wilson, Sr., and the late Mrs. Minnie Ruth Bivins Wilson; he was the eighth child of 10 siblings.

Arthur James grew up in Schley County, Georgia and attended John Lewis School in Ellaville, Georgia until January 1964, when his family moved to 1208 N. Lee St. in Americus, Georgia, and there he attended Sumter High School, graduating in 1965. After graduation, Art enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years receiving an Honorable Discharge. After the Navy, he was employed at the Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, California until he retired in 1995. He was married to the late Mary Ann Jackson Wilson of Plains, Georgia for 18 years. Arthur James returned to live in Americus in 1996.

Art was very active in the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Schley County, serving as a Deacon and the “go-to-man” to get things done for the congregation. Art was an active member of the C. B. Dowdell American Legion Post #558 for 23 years, serving as Sargent at Arms at his time of death. He also loved fishing and gardening.

In addition to his parents, Arthur James is preceded in death by three brothers: Woodrow, Sammie and Harold Wilson and a sister, Bernice Wilson

Left to cherish his memories and tall tales and big grins are three brothers: Mr. Willie Wilson, Jr., Chicago, IL; Mr. Henry B. (Shirley) Wilson, Bay, MS and Mr. Edward Wilson, Marion, OH; two sisters, Ms. Camilla Wilson, Americus, GA and Ms. Mary Edward, Witcha Falls, TX; a sister-in-law, Ms. Elaine Wilson; an aunt, Ms. Catherine Wilson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; his step siblings: Mr. Arthur (Dr. Oneida) Ingram, Ms. Minnie Ingram, all of Americus, GA and Ms. Doris Perry of New Brunswick, NJ; several nieces, nephews, cousins and special close friends, Terrell Ingram, Tony Cooper and the Rouland family also survive.