

VETERAN JOHN HENRY ROACH was born in Sumter County, Georgia on November 19, 1938, to the parents of the late Mrs. Willie Mae Roach Arnett and the late Mr. John Arnett, Sr. He received his education from McCoy Hill and A.S. Staley High School. At an early age, he joined the Triedstone Baptist Church. On April 2, 1956, he joined the Regular Army and was honorably discharged as Private First Class on November 16, 1957. Mr. Roach lived in Rochester, New York for several years, and in 1980, he returned to Americus, Georgia. He was employed by Cooper Lighting, formerly Metalux. He was married to the late Mrs. Anna Lee Wright Roach. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Mozelle Lindsey and John Arnett, Jr.; an aunt, Minnie Long and an uncle, Johnny B. Sapp.

Left to cherish his memories are his children: Mr. Anthony Smith, Ms. Angela Smith, Mr. John Roach, Jr. and Ms. Sabrina Smith; his sisters and brothers: Mrs. Annie (Florzell) Paschal, Mrs. Lillie (Elder Larry) Taylor, Mr. Joseph (Priscilla) Arnett and Mr. Tyrone (Delores) Arnett; an aunt, Ms. Janet Sapp and an uncle, Mr. Walter Long; a host of nieces, including three devoted nieces: Latoria Taylor, Lakeia Taylor and Ladona Taylor; nephews, including a devoted nephew, Jason Arnett; cousins, other relatives and friends, including his beloved sitting group of friends also survive.