

Elder Harriett Joyce Rouland was born July 27, 1958, in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia to the parentage of the late Mr. Elmo Rouland and the late Mrs. Bessie Cottle Rouland. At an early age, she joined the Jerusalem Baptist Church, Ellaville, Georgia. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1976 graduate of Americus High School. She also attended Georgia Southwestern College studying for a degree in Business Administration.

She is preceded in death by five brothers: Willie Gene Rouland, Henry Rouland, Ernest Rouland, John “Buck” Rouland and Emmett “Jack” Rouland; a sister, Elizabeth Rouland; two aunts, Ms. Tommie Linton and Ms. Bennie Rouland. Elder Harriett departed from her earthly home and service to be with her LORD and SAVIOR on November 11, 2024.

During her lifetime, she was affiliated with numerous religious organizations. However, she received her Elder’s License under the leadership of Bishop George F. Edge of The Restoration Church of Americus, where she served on the Women's Ministry. Elder Harriett loved the LORD and kept His WORD in reach speaking always of His Love and Mercy.

Elder Harriett is well known throughout Americus, Georgia, in multi-generational populations. We attribute this to her years of employment for Southwest Georgia CAC, Inc. of Sumter County Head Start, Americus, Georgia for 40 years before her retirement. During her lifetime, she was a dedicated and dependable employee. She had three employers: Americus Transit, Sumter County Head Start, Kinder Manufacturing, and Magnolia Manor Nursing Center, where she was employed part time after her retirement. She loved it and spoke regularly of the joy she experienced serving and helping this elderly population.

Elder Harriett was a loyal, generous, and compassionate sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She lived by example; she did not meet any strangers she embraced all. She also was an excellent cook, especially cooking “soul food” and anyone who sat at her table would corroborate this fact.

Elder Harriett leaves to cherish her memories: Shataro (Ebony) Rouland, her heart & only son; six grandsons: Brashad (Deverja) Rouland, Marquis (Ashley) Rouland, Tre’ Rouland, Nehemiah (Luna) Rouland, Ryan Hall, and Denzil (Natondra) Moore; ten great-grandchildren: Caden, Khloe`, Ryan, Kalani, Aiden, Mariyah, Lilly Mae, Kynsley, Khaleesi, and Jeremiah; her siblings: Elmore “Nip” Rouland, Jerry (Eva) Rouland, Fred (Barbara) Rouland, Louise Rouland, James (Eula) Rouland, Marion “Doc” Rouland and Raymond “Rudy” Rouland; a sister-in-law, Lorene Rouland, who she continued a special bond with; Eddy Mae Mitchell, devoted cousin and social and traveling partner; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, friends and the Americus High School Class of 1976.