DEACON JOHN C. TULLIS, JR. was born in Webster County, Georgia on August 26, 1953, to the late Mrs. Eddie Jo Tullis and Mr. John C. Tullis, who survives. He received his education in the public schools of Webster County, graduating with the class of 1971 at Webster County High School.

He was a truck driver for many years before he retired from Joe Underwood Trucking.

In addition to his mother, John is preceded in death by one son, Andre Merritt; two sisters, Joann Tullis Harris and Carolyn Carruthers; two aunts, Geneva Laster and Reatha Tullis; a niece, Detri Reliford; two sisters-in-law, Orzola Mathis and Linda Davis; and two brothers-in-law, Alton Davis and Sammuel Merritt.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, Ira. L. Tullis, Americus, GA, John leaves to cherish his memory: a son, Travis Tullis; a daughter, Renae (Michael) Volley, all of Americus, GA; his father, John C. Tullis, Sr., Americus, GA; one brother, George (Barbara) Tullis of Buena Vista, GA; one sister, Peggy Tullis and friend, Jerry Myrick of Smithville, GA; three uncles: James Tullis, Orlando, FL; Cullie Tullis and Floyd Tullis, both of Americus, GA; two aunts, Juanita Woodlock of Americus, GA and Mary Edward, South Dakota; one brother-in-law, Willie Carruthers and one sister-in-law, Oveda (Robert) Jackson, all of Americus, GA; nine grandchildren, including two devoted grandsons: Michael Volley, Jr. and Carmelo Volley, Quandarius Tullis, Trinity Tullis, Tiana Tullis, Tierra Tullis, Tiffany Tullis, Shandrea Merritt and Lataya Carter; eight great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends, including Deacon Alvin Young and Deaconess Linda Young.