

**M**R. GEORGE BANKS, SR. was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on June 8, 1926, to the parentage of the late Mr. Jury Banks and the late Mrs. Carrie McCary Banks. At an early age, he joined the New St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. E. L. Clark. He was employed at Rainbow Fertilizer Company, Americus, Georgia, and George Banks, Sr. was a magnificent mechanic. In March of 1949, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Mrs. Mattie Mae Alford Banks, and to their union, nine children were born. Their only son, George Banks, Jr.; a daughter, Carolyn Banks Snipes; and two grandchildren, Calvin Snipes, Jr. and Carla Banks precede him in death. Also, preceding him in death are four sisters: Bertha Mable, Leola Jackson, Willie Bell Jones, and Carrie Lou Banks Gary. He went to be with his Heavenly Father on August 29, 2021, in the Phoebe Sumter Medical Center.

Left to cherish his memories are seven daughters: Ms. Mattie Sue Waters, Ms. Donnie Mae Williams, Ms. Georgia Mae Tyner, Ms. Mary Ann Banks, Ms. Nancy Bruce, Mrs. Betty (James) Garrett, all of Americus, GA, and Mrs. Bobbie (Jerome) Waymon, Aliquippa, PA; 23 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, 19 great-great grandchildren; two sons-in-law, Mr. Calvin Snipes, Sr. and Mr. Eddie Williams, both of Americus, GA; one sister-in-law, Ms. Bertha Johnson of Boynton Beach, FL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; a close family friend, Ms. Mattie Waters; his Sunset Park family, other relatives and friends, including, Mr. Cleveland Porter and Mr. Lawrence Brown also survive.