MR. WALTER R. WOODEN was born in Sumter County, Georgia on September 23, 1956, to the parentage of the late Mr. Fred Wooden and the late Mrs. Flora Mae Edwards Wooden. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1975 graduate of Plains High School, where he ran track, played basketball and was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). After graduation, he joined the United States Army. Later, he moved to Orlando, Florida and worked as a truckdriver with the trans waste company.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his uncles, Mr. Rudolph Edwards and Mr. Walter Edwards and his aunts, Mrs. Norma Ruth Jackson and Mrs. Anna M. Edwards.

He leaves cherished memories to his son, Mr. Eric D. (Suleania) Bryant, Americus, GA; his sisters: Mrs. Bertha (Ralph) Covington, Covington, GA; Ms. Annie Ruth Edwards, Ms. Carolyn Ford, both of Albany, GA and Ms. Sabrina Edwards, Smithville, GA; his aunt, Ms. Martha Edwards, Smithville, GA; his grandchildren: Christopher Gilbert, Eric D. Bryant, Jr., Harrison L. Bryant and Haleigh N. Bryant, all of Americus, GA; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including his Plains High School classmates of 1975.