Georgia on July 15, 1932, to the parentage of the late Mr. Grene Josey and the late Mrs. Mattie Willie Walker Josey. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Staley High School. He was Honorably Discharged from the United Stated Army, and received a National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star and a Good Conduct Medal. He was employed in the Housekeeping Department at St. Clare's Hospital and Health Center, Manhattan, New York. He was married to Ms. Catherine Taylor Josey, who survives.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Catherine Taylor Josey, Macon, GA, he leaves to cherish his memories: his son, Mr. Donnell (Barbara) McDonald, Charleston, SC; a step-son, Mr. Eddie (Valerie) Merritt, Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren: Mr. Shikee (Miriam) McDonald, Albany, GA; Mrs. Brittany (Eric) Blackmon, Leesburg, GA; Mrs. Hope (Eric) Phifer, Jr., New York; Ms. Allison Merritt, Ms. Lauren Merritt and Mr. Miles Merritt of Charlotte, NC; three great grandchildren: Ethan Ingram, Aidan Ingram, both of Leesburg, GA and Eric Phifer, III of White Plains, NY; his nieces and nephews: Eddie Josey, Jr., Union City, GA; Denise Stewart of PA; Edna J. York, Cynthia J. Robinson, both of Albany, GA; Michael Josey, Fayetteville, NC and a devoted niece, Ms. Cheryl Josey, Americus, GA; cousins, including, Daisy Washington of Americus, GA and Jimmie Nell Davis of McDonough, GA also survive.