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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023, 11 AM-1 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM AT ST. JAMES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 6654 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH, CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE 37032; INTERMENT IS IN RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Joe Thomas Williams was born on June 20, 1941 to the late I. Sawyers and Naomi Elizabeth Roberts In Springfield, Tennessee.

Joe was a very loving, protective and faithful husband, father, grandfather. When he was younger, he became a member of Greater Whites Chapel and later in life he would attend Star of Calvary Baptist Church with his family until his health began to decline. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of many years, Gladys Mai Clemons Williams, and his grandson, Anthony L. Williams.

He attended schools in Robertson County and finished at Bransford High School. He worked as a factory worker and forklift driver at Conwood and a truck driver with Hail and Cotton until he retired early due to his health.

Joe loved his family and friends unconditionally. He enjoyed singing, listening to music, traveling with family and spending time with his grandchildren. His grandchildren were his world and he was very protective of them. He also loved sitting out on his porch. Often times you could ride by and catch him sitting there no matter the time or weather. Joe had a way with people and those he cared about. He gave the most sound advice to any of them who needed it. He was a non-judgmental person and accepted you for who you were. He was stern with his words and his advice and he was appreciated for that. He was an intelligent man and spoke with lots of wisdom. He could also be silly, goofy and very playful, and a jokester. Even as he started to decline progressively in health, he remained humorous and full of life. He was the humblest person, no matter what was happening he would always Thank God almighty and thank you for everything.

Nothing went unnoticed in his eyes. To his family, Joe was a King, and the love he showed to them was returned to him.

On May 15, 2023 he transitioned to be with the Lord. He leaves to cherish his memories and love to: his children, four daughters, Jolynda (Damon) Morrell (his "R2"), Brandy Williams (his "boss"), Katherine Williams (his "bugg"/"baby"), and Carla Mitchell Nolley; four sons, Mark Mitchell, Christopher Williams, Vernon (Robbin) Clemons, and Anthony (Christina) Clemons; twenty-two grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorris J. Stone; six sisters-in-law, and six brothers-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; one very devoted nephew, Curtis Clemons and last but not least a very devoted and special granddaughter, Maliyah Williams, who was employed as his care partner until the day of death. Thank you for all your help.