



Pauline Smith

August 8, 1920 - May 27, 2021

Pauline Smith, 100 of Valparaiso, IN, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 27th 2021. She was born August 8th, 1920 in Dora, Alabama to Mikey and Etta Mae Robbins. On December 23, 1938, she married Erskine Ramsey Smith. They raised eight children together.

Pauline was a kind woman with a caring nature. Even in her final days she made sure everyone who visited had eaten and had a place to sit. Pauline enjoyed visits from her large family while relaxing at home. While age brought many challenges, Pauline faced 100 years of life with grace and humor. She could always make her family laugh and often brightened up hospital visits with her quick-wit and humor. Pauline overcame many obstacles in her long life. She was an incredible mother to her eight children. She cared for them and welcomed many, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren into her family. Pauline showed her care for others by praying for them every night (often loudly after taking out her hearing aids) and making sure her family was warm and fed.

At her 100th birthday celebration, Pauline was asked about her secret to a long life. She responded, "Love everybody." Those who she loved were changed by her love. She taught four generations how to love. Pauline will be missed every single day, but her legacy will live on through the people she loved most.

Pauline is survived by four of her children: Sherry Rebecca Walling (Rich), Anthony Mike Smith (Sandy), Dennis Jack Smith, Jane Marie Reed (Bob); and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren to carry out her legacy. She was preceded in death by her parents: Mikey and Etta Mae Robbins; her husband, Erskine Ramsey Smith; her siblings: Lloyd, James Albert, Flora Mae, Leroy, and Annie Mae; and some of her children: Jimmy Ray Smith, Mary Ellen Clark, Barbara Ann Ballenger (LC), and Larry Eugene Smith (Marie).

A Celebration of Pauline's life is being planned for August, around her birthday.

Tribute Wall

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“ It isn't easy to choose just a single memory from a lifetime of great ones. Grandma was such a huge presence in the lives of her family. She didn't just tell you she loved you, she showed it in her actions. She was always there for you in any way you needed her to be. My mom didn't drive, so I remember Grams would always come pick us up to take us where we needed to be. On the weekends, we would to yard sales and then out to my aunt Barbs for a family gathering. My mom and I spent many nights at grandma's and looking back, I never remember being bored or not wanting to go. I always found stuff to do and had cousins to play with. I love you Grandma and thank you for all the memories.

Shawna - June 11, 2021 at 10:53 AM

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*Sorry for your loss
Uncle Vince and Aunt Barbara . Take care of your family.
Prayers sent. We love you. Miss seeing you.*

Vince & Barbara - June 11, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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It was my pleasure to help take care of Pauline. She told me many stories of her life experiences. When I left to go home she always told me to be careful and "I love you". I loved her, too. She will always be in my heart.

Beverly Weyer - June 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM