



## Pauline Brackins Dowell

May 30, 1930 - January 5, 2018

Pauline Lugene Brackins Dowell, age 87 of Sparta, NC went to her Heavenly Home from Grayson Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Independence, VA, on Friday, January 5, 2018 with family at her bedside. She was born on May 30, 1930 at Doxen's Corner, Maryland to the late George Washington and Stella Caudill Brackins. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by one son, Hobert Aaron Dowell, six brothers, Wayne Brackins, Leff Brackins, Marvin Brackins, Ray Brackins, Ralph Brackins, Paul Brackins, three sisters, Isabelle Grace, Alma McNutt, and Doris Scerbak. She was the tenth of eleven children and a twin. She graduated from Bel Air High School in 1949. She worked at Beta Shoe Company until 1952. She bore five children and was a stay-at-home wife and mother until 1974 when she returned to the public workplace at Modern Globe. She continued there until 1993 when she returned to the home to care for her aging Mother until her passing. She later took her aging father-in-law into the home and cared for him with the same love and grace until his passing. She was a kind and gentle-natured person. She loved her Lord and Savior and diligently served Him alongside her husband. She raised her children instilling in them love for God and family. She was known for her ease at playing the guitar, which she learned from watching her brother and having him show her "some things". She played and led the family in singing praises to her Lord with a sweet soprano voice from the time any of the children can remember until they left home. She then continued to play and sing with Hobert until the guitar became too heavy for her to hold and play. She was always sized up by children due to her short stature and kind nature; we all grew up comparing our height to hers. Children always gravitated to her. She was forever giving of herself to others. She loved bowling and met and fell in love with the love of her life at a bowling alley while she and her friends waited on a lane. In later years, she bowled with the Coffee and Donuts league in Sparta and won several awards. She never showed off her awards; she quietly hung them on her bedroom wall only sharing her joy over them with her family. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Reverend Hobert H. Dowell of the home, three daughters, Nancy Darlene Dietle and spouse, Marlin of Kingsville, MD, Judith Elaine Smith and spouse, Eric of Ferguson, NC, Barbara Dowell Wilson and spouse, Kenneth of Ennice, one son Samuel Ivan Dowell of Ennice, five grandchildren, three great-grandsons, several step-great-grandchildren, one

daughter-in-law, Edna Lyons Dowell of Glade Valley. She is also survived by one brother, William Curron Brackins and spouse Imojean of Southport, two sisters-in-law, Virginia Brackins of Forest Hill, MD, and Shirley Brackins of Bradenton, FL, several nieces and nephews also survive. The family requests the honor of your presence at the funeral service to honor the life of Pauline at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in the chapel of Grandview Memorial Funeral Home with Reverend Charlie Bennett and Brother Tommy Brown officiating. Interment will follow in Whitehead-Joiner Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home and other times at the residence, 5622 Pine Swamp Road, Sparta, NC 28675. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, c/o Rev. Charlie Bennett, 1309 Shawtown Road, Glade Valley, NC 28627, or Mountain Valley Hospice-Hillsville, 1477 Carrollton Pike, Hillsville, VA 24343. The family would like to extend special thanks to Brother Hugh Miller, Cliff Mullins, and many friends that visited Pauline.

# Cemetery

# Events

## Whitehead-Joiner Cemetery

5444 Pine Swamp Road  
Sparta, NC, 28675

JAN 9	Visitation	01:00PM - 02:00PM
	Grandview Funeral Home 789 Grandview Drive, Sparta, NC, US, 28675	
JAN 9	Service	02:00PM
	Grandview Funeral Home 789 Grandview Drive, Sparta, NC, US, 28675	

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Grandview Memorial Funeral Home** - January 08, 2018 at 03:06 PM

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“ My sympathy to all the family



**Steve Mitchell** - January 09, 2018 at 04:29 PM

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“ Sharrel & Judy Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Sharrel & Judy Wyatt** - January 08, 2018 at 04:38 PM

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“ Aunt Pauline was one of the most humble and sweetest people I have had the pleasure to have in my life. Loved to visit her and Uncle Hobert and talk about the old days, the bible, how good God has been, gardening and sing a song or two. We use to laugh every time she would hug Charles since she was way below his arm pit. I will treasure my memories of this dear saint of God who I have no doubt is singing with the angels. RIP Aunt Pauline until we meet again. Give Dad a hug for me.

**Lisa Holthaus** - January 08, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Grandview Memorial Funeral Home** - January 08, 2018 at 12:53 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pauline Brackins Dowell.



January 08, 2018 at 10:57 AM

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“ Larry And Linda Crouse lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Larry and Linda Crouse** - January 08, 2018 at 10:32 AM

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“ She and Herbert both are an example of a real Christian. Walked the walk. Wonderful people. Prayers for the family.

**phyllis starr** - January 08, 2018 at 10:23 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pauline Brackins Dowell.



January 08, 2018 at 09:39 AM

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“ Though i haven't seen Pauline in many years, her gentleness and kindness come to mind when i seen she has gone to her heavenly home. Praying for all of you.



**Wanda Greene Pinion** - January 08, 2018 at 06:53 AM

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“ Ron Brown lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Ron Brown** - January 07, 2018 at 10:33 PM

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“ Carol Post lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**carol post** - January 07, 2018 at 10:04 PM

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“ Debbie And Loy Absher And Family lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Debbie and Loy Absher and Family** - January 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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“ Elizabeth Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Elizabeth Reynolds** - January 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM

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“ Mike & Debbie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Mike & Debbie Johnson** - January 07, 2018 at 08:10 PM

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“ Mary Hines lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Mary Hines** - January 07, 2018 at 08:09 PM

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“ Pamela Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Pamela Wyatt** - January 07, 2018 at 07:47 PM

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“ For 43 years I had the pleasure and joy to call this very Godly Wonderful Lady Mother-In -Law. However she has been more like my second Mother to me in every aspect. I Loved her dearly. Now she is resting in the arms of GOD to suffer no more.

**Edna Dowell** - January 07, 2018 at 07:20 PM

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“ Gene & Jeannie Crouse lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Gene & Jeannie Crouse** - January 07, 2018 at 06:58 PM

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“ Nita Bare sent a virtual gift in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Nita Bare** - January 07, 2018 at 05:12 PM

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“ Linda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Linda Edwards** - January 07, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ Gail Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Gail Norman** - January 07, 2018 at 02:52 AM

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“ It was a blessing to know this sweet lady. She always had words of encouragement for me. She was always loving & spoke of the Lord to me often. She will be missed. So sorry for the loss to all the family . Thank you for sharing this sweet angel with so many. Love & prayers to all..



**Melissa Hamm** - January 07, 2018 at 12:33 AM

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“ Cathy, Pete and the Neil Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Pauline Brackins Dowell.



**Cathy, Pete and the Neil Family** - January 06, 2018 at 11:51 PM

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“ **Rebecca Kennedy** lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Rebecca Kennedy** - January 06, 2018 at 11:18 PM

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“ **Alleghany Council On Aging** lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Alleghany Council on Aging** - January 06, 2018 at 10:21 PM

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“ **Karen Pelletier** lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Karen Pelletier** - January 06, 2018 at 08:55 PM

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“ Full Gospel Fellowship purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Pauline Brackins Dowell.



**Full Gospel Fellowship** - January 06, 2018 at 08:44 PM

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“ I will always remember the sweet Godly Woman that my Aunt Pauline was. God bless the Family, we love you all. Troy L Hall & Family.

**Troy Hall** - January 06, 2018 at 08:37 PM

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“ Tammy Story lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Tammy Story** - January 06, 2018 at 08:19 PM

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“ Tammy Story lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Tammy Story** - January 06, 2018 at 08:16 PM

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“ Danny & Deedee Higgins lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Danny & Deedee Higgins** - January 06, 2018 at 07:47 PM

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“ Linda Poole lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Linda Poole** - January 06, 2018 at 07:30 PM

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“ Sandra Rash lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Sandra Rash** - January 06, 2018 at 07:19 PM

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“ Robbie And Robin Hall lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Robbie and Robin Hall** - January 06, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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“ Barbara Ezell lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Barbara Ezell** - January 06, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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“ Maria & Brian Dietle lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Maria & Brian Dietle** - January 06, 2018 at 06:31 PM

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“ Rondal & Louise Farmer lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Rondal & Louise Farmer** - January 06, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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“ Kevin Crouse lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Kevin Crouse** - January 06, 2018 at 05:42 PM

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“ Patricia Woods lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Patricia Woods** - January 06, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ David Poe and Patricia Woods  
Pauline is safe in the arms of Jesus.

**Patricia Woods** - January 06, 2018 at 05:33 PM

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“ Deryal & Pam Walker lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Deryal & Pam Walker** - January 06, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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“ Harrison 7 JUDY MAINES



**Harrison Maines** - January 06, 2018 at 05:01 PM

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“ Betty Adams lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Betty Adams** - January 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM

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“ Susan,Martha, John Blevins lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Susan,Martha, John Blevins** - January 06, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ Karen And Gregf Lyon lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Karen and Gregf Lyon** - January 06, 2018 at 04:20 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.



**ora and david church** - January 06, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ Doyle & Sherrie Hines lit a candle in memory of Pauline Brackins Dowell



**Doyle & Sherrie Hines** - January 06, 2018 at 03:41 PM