



Pauline Clawson Robbins

September 25, 1915 - December 7, 2015

Pauline Clawson Robbins, 100, of West Point, Va., passed from this life on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015.

She was born on Sept. 25, 1915, to Clayton Henry and Cassie Madison Clawson in Sweet Hall, King William County. She graduated from West Point High School in 1933, after having moved often and attending several schools around the state. But wherever she went, she was known for her athletic prowess, especially in basketball and track.

In seventh grade at Port Richmond School, she met the love of her life, Albert Lindsay Robbins. They became husband and wife in February 1937, also in Sweet Hall.

Pauline began her career in retail sales in downtown West Point, first at Horwitz's Shoe Store, then at the Ben Franklin and later at Riddle's Drug Store. In July 1959, her father-in-law, S. C. Robbins, died suddenly of a heart attack while standing in the grocery store in Port Richmond that he had owned for nearly 40 years. Pauline and Albert, now middle-aged parents of a 5-year-old daughter, took on ownership of the store, which became known as A. L. Robbins General Merchandise, or simply Robbins Store. Many, many people through the years entered those doors as customers-- and left as friends. In July 1979, exactly 20 years after taking the reins, the couple sold the store and retired to their "weekend place" on the Mattaponi River in King William. Pauline was now able to spend more time on her hobbies-- sewing, gardening, trying out recipes, working puzzles, reading voraciously (she read

the Bible cover-to-cover at least a dozen times), taking care of a menagerie of animals (both tame and wild), and writing poems and letters (to this day recipients have keepsaked her greeting cards, often graced with her own poems and a plethora of stickers).

In the 1980s, the family got into traveling, taking several fly-drives around the USA. But in the 1990s Albert's health declined. After 66 years of marriage, he passed away in October 2003. Eventually Pauline got back into traveling, and by the time of her passing she had seen at least 46 of our 50 states, plus some of Canada and Mexico.

Pauline was always thankful to be blessed with a long life-- a life that was active almost to the very end. Being a mom plus a business co-owner, both beginning at middle age, kept her going, but industriousness was part of her nature, as was creativity and resourcefulness. Add to that an insatiable curiosity, an adventurous spirit, a genuine love of life, her Lord, her family and her friends-- these were some of the secrets to her longevity.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Alan Chamberlain of West Point; sisters Peggy Dean and Faye Clawson, both of Richmond; several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many devoted friends. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, at Vincent Funeral Home, 11th St., West Point. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at the funeral home with interment in Sunny Slope Cemetery, West Point.

Memorials may be made to West Point United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 610, West Point, Va. 23181 or 4 Paws, P.O. Box 442, West Point, Va. 23181.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

MC

“ How much I miss her already --
My precious little "Betty Boop"! I know one thing for sure, she may not have been able to be Grand Marshal for the Crab Carnival but surely she is Grand Marshal in Heaven now, and having a swinging time with Albert, Sherman, Lawrence Welk and all her old pals and beloved family. I love you "Mamacita"! You were one of a kind.
Second Daughter, Melanie

Melanie Carlton - December 29, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ Paula, Pauline was a special lady and will be missed by all that new her. I remember when she taught me in Sunday School. Love and Prays Joyce H. Bristow



Joyce H Bristow - December 20, 2015 at 05:55 PM

MC

“ THE PRECIOUS MEMORIES WILL BRING YOU ROSES IN DECEMBER! Marianna and Bob Chestnutt
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marianna chestnutt - December 14, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pauline Clawson Robbins.



December 10, 2015 at 10:41 AM