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**O**n Monday, February 12, 2024, Pauline Cottingham passed on from this life to her next.

Pauline was born in Greenbackville, Virginia April 17, 1926, to Emma and Seymore Lang, where she grew up with her siblings Hilton, W. Carlton, Mary, and Rachel on their family farm. She attended Greenbackville and Franklin Elementary Schools in Virginia, eventually graduating from Snow Hill High School in Maryland. Pauline went to Goldey-Beacom College, Wilmington, DE, where she received her AA degree. After College, she returned to Snow Hill, MD, and started working as a teller and eventually head teller at the Maryland National Bank. While working there, she met and befriended Wilson Cottingham, who would introduce his son, a returning veteran from WW 2, and the eventual love of her life, William "Fowler" Cottingham, to Pauline. After dating, they married and bought a home in Snow Hill. Shortly after, she gave birth to two screaming rugrats, Gary and Carl Cottingham, five years apart, starting in 1953. In 1962, the family moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE, where she lived the rest of her life. After the loss of Fowler, she devoted her life to taking care of her older siblings and to the family church, Westminster Presbyterian. She served as a session member, an elder, a deacon, in the Women's Circle, and part of the Presbytery. For more than 30 years she planned church luncheons and scheduled and arranged all the flowers for the church. She was also involved in the Sussex Garden Club, where she could indulge her lifelong love of flowers and plants. There was never a more caring and supportive Wife, Mother, or Grandmother than Pauline.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William "Fowler" Cottingham, and her siblings, Hilton Lang, W. Carlton Lang, Mary Timmons, and Rachel Chapman. She is survived by her sons Gary F. Cottingham and his wife Kathy, and Carl L. Cottingham and his wife Joanne; her grandchildren Gary Cottingham Jr. and his wife Angie, John



## Obituary

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Cottingham, and Jillian Cottingham; Great grandchildren Chase and Blake Cottingham and unofficially adopted grandchildren William and Kara Collins.

Services for Pauline will be held on Friday February 23, 2024, at 11:00 Am. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE., where visitation for friends and family will begin at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
or

Wesminster Presbyterian Church  
301 King Charles Avenue  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Please visit Pauline's Life memorial at [parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://parsellfuneralhomes.com)

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



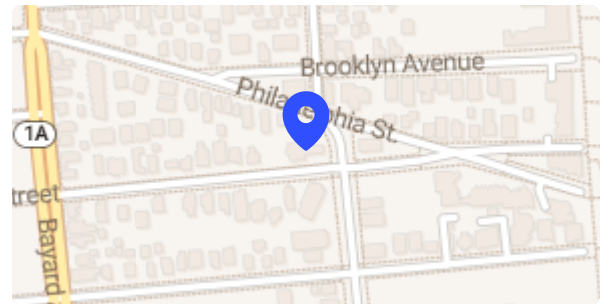
# Events

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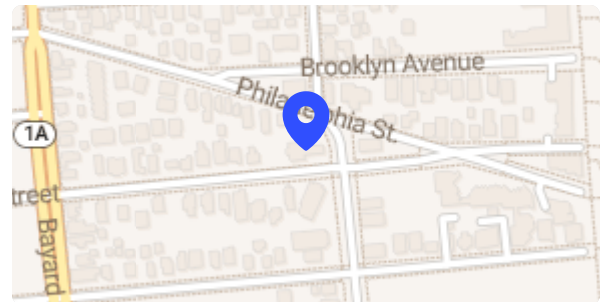
## Visitation

- Friday**, February 23, 2024
- 10:00 AM ET
- Wesminster Presbyterian Church**  
301 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE



## Funeral Service

- Friday**, February 23, 2024
- 11:00 AM ET
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## Tribute Wall

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DN

**Deborah Newell** posted:

Pauline was like a second mom to me and a second grandmother to our daughter Ashley. She was a very special person and we will all miss her very much.

February 21 at 4:23 PM

BJ

**B.J. Joseph** posted:

Pauline was a great lady! She was a mom to all in Schoolvue and the Norfolk street areas of Rehoboth. She had an eye for antique glass (milk glass) (amethyst) etc... but what I most remember was her driving Mary Louise Mack and others well into her golden years!!

February 21 at 8:04 AM

JN

**Jane Nicholson** posted:

Dear Pauline, we use to have our discussions. about how things should be done in deacon's meetings and our Ladies circle. You taught me so much., mainly "not to argue with Pauline", you were aays right.. I can still hear your voice in my memory. Now go tell them in in heaven how to do things right. You are loved. Jane Nicholson

February 20 at 6:43 AM

MC

**Mike And Mary Cottingham** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Pauline.



February 19 at 9:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Cottingham family.



February 19 at 9:01 AM



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AP

**Amy J. Reed Parker** lit a candle in honor of Pauline.

Pauline was a constant in church & our neighborhood, like so many of our dear mothers! She was kind, sweet, & I always loved her distinct voice. I can remember her walking Carl to the corner on his way to school when we were kids. She forever had a twinkle in her eye & grin all her own. And like many of our mothers that were widowed or divorced at a young age in a different time she/they exhibited a strength & fortitude to be admired. RIP Pauline, we trust Fowler & your departed loved ones await you.



February 18 at 5:39 AM

ET

**Earl & Rosalie Timmons** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cottingham family.



February 17 at 4:37 AM

SB

**Suzi Berry** lit a candle in honor of Pauline.



February 16 at 7:47 PM

SM

**Steve Michenfelder** lit a candle in honor of Pauline.

GaryThe passing of your mom brings sadness and pain to your heart but you can find comfort knowing she is at peace and with her Lord. We are very sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in our prayer's Steve & Deb



February 16 at 5:27 PM

JR

**Jim Reed** posted:

Pauline was a special lady. Very active at Westminster Presbyterian for over 50 years, where she was also involved in a card ministry and planning an annual St. Patrick's Day dinner, which was a very nice events. My condolences to her sons and other descendants.Jim Reed

February 16 at 11:45 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Pauline by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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