

Will and Pauline walked through life hand in hand for 59 years until Will's passing in 2017. Together they lovingly raised 6 children, grieved the loss of another child, experienced the separation of the military life during wartimes, moved multiple times in 5 states, doted on their 7 grandchildren, taught the kids a ridiculous amount of camp songs, shared a love for the majestic mountains and peaceful forests while camping, hiking, skiing and biking and gave tirelessly to all those around them.

Pauline provided a home filled with unwavering faith, love, irrational generosity and selflessness, light, energy, smiles, warmth, flowers and singing. She spent countless hours in the kitchen (home and church), the garden and her sewing room. Her face would light up when she could cook, bake, sew, buy, or provide in any way for anyone else. She lived the greatest example of love and was happiest giving herself to others. Pauline was brilliant, brave and humble and even as her health was failing, she never stopped thinking of others. She would often say how thankful she was for such an incredibly adventurous life.

Pauline was very active in her church. When we moved to Oak Harbor in 1982, she started a Sunday school class for high school students. She also loved singing in the choir, serving as an elder and mentor, providing food for fellowship, filling the church with flowers and sewing aprons for the VBS staff. When the youth needed to raise money, she turned their house into a "restaurant" that was run by the youth. She also introduced winter camp at Tall Timber, where she was heavily involved with the camp life, and Mariner games in the summer. The outpouring of love that was returned to her by her church family as her health was declining was an honest testimony to the life she so selflessly lived.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Will and her brother, Bud (2010). She leaves behind to tell her stories, her 6 children: Jennifer (Bernie) Upchurch, Jeannie (Omer-dec'd 2024) Lupien, Tim (Renee) Williams, Becky (David) Congdon, Cam Williams, Tamara Williams and her 7 grandchildren: Tom (Josie), Mandy (Nick), Nate, Naomi, Teal, Guini and Gracie.

A Witness to the Resurrection

Pauline Williams

Sunday, July 19, 2026



August 25, 1935 - June 14, 2026



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymns

*For Those Tears I Died
It is Well with my Soul*

Scripture Reading

Psalms 121 and Philippians 2:1-11

Pastoral Reflection

Hymns

*Pass it on (It only takes a spark)
On Eagle's Wings*

Tributes from Family

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymns

*Eternal Father Strong to Save
How Great Thou Art*

Benediction

Postlude

The postlude, played by Renee Williams, are two old songs that Pauline's children heard all the time growing up and also as adults - singing along with her.. They wanted to share these special songs with you.

Pauline Jeanne (Hilbert) Williams passed away peacefully at her home in Oak Harbor, WA surrounded by loved ones on Sunday June 14, 2026.

Pauline was born on August 25, 1935, along with her twin brother, Harold (Bud) to Harold, USN and Annette (Kelley) Hilbert in Long Beach, CA. While her father was out at sea and just an infant, her mother took her, Bud and older sister, Gina for a walk and unexpectedly passed away. In 1940 Harold married Mable Patterson and the family moved from El Monte, CA to Honolulu. Pauline often recalled very vivid memories of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Fortunately, her father's ship was not in the harbor during the bombing.

In 1945 they left HI on the USS Monterey and moved to Lewiston, ID before settling in Vallejo, CA in the late 40's where they remained for many years. She enjoyed high school, played clarinet in the school band, and developed a love for sports. Later in life she coached youth softball and basketball.

After HS she attended Mills College followed by Highland, Alameda School of Nursing. While there, she discovered a love for the Operating Room as well as the intrigue of a good detective, crime solving, mystery novel after taking a "Psychology of the Criminal Minds" class.

In the summer of 1956, while at Highland, she met Wilfred Williams through the Berkeley 1st Presbyterian church college group and their love for each other quickly bloomed. During the summer of 1957 they had their first date, a midnight supper at #9 Fisherman's Grotto in San Francisco. Their second date was shortly after and she knew then that he was the one. In the fall they both returned to school, Will to George Washington, School of Medicine in DC and Pauline to Highland. They continued their courtship via letters and over the Christmas break he proposed in the jewelry department at the GTE box store in Vallejo. They married June 20, 1958 and spent their honeymoon driving and singing songs across country so Will could finish his last year of medical school. Upon graduation, they drove back to San Diego, CA where Will did his general surgery residency with the Navy and continued serving for 34 years.