



Pauline Mullins McElroy

June 1, 1933 - November 22, 2025

Pauline Mullins McElroy – Big Stone Gap, VA

Pauline Mullins McElroy, age 92, was welcomed into the arms of her Savior on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Pauline was born in Appalachia, VA, the daughter of the late Emmitt Mullins and Eva Stidham Mullins. One of thirteen children, she grew up in a large, close-knit family. In her early twenties, she moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she found employment, built her life, and began raising her family. She worked for Nokia until her retirement, after which she returned to Big Stone Gap, where she has resided ever since.

Pauline attended Oak Grove Baptist Church and lived her faith with quiet strength and devotion. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Her life was a testament to the qualities of a virtuous woman; she embodied the Holy Spirit and left a profound impact on everyone blessed to know her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her twelve siblings: Leonis Mullins, Gertrude Stidham, Branard Mullins, Irene Craiger, Thelma Day, Helen Day, Dewey Mullins, Robert Mullins, James Mullins, Ralph Mullins, Warren Mullins, and Winfred Mullins.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Rachelle McElroy; grandchildren Nathan McElroy and David McElroy; three great-grandchildren, Sawyor McElroy, Harlan McElroy, and Lincoln McElroy; her special son, Curtis McElroy; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other close relatives and friends.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Mountain Region Home Health, Linda Stratton, and Caris Hospice for their love, compassion, and gentle care.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St. N.) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for visitation.

Her funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Russell Herron officiating.

A committal service will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Those wishing to attend are asked to meet at Holding Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. to join the funeral procession. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A memorial tribute video will be uploaded by Holding Funeral Home once completed.

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Ms. Pauline Mullins McElroy.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
1-276-523-1470
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robin Bartee lit a candle in memory of Pauline Mullins McElroy*



Robin Bartee - April 12 at 12:04 PM



“ *Robin Bartee lit a candle in memory of Pauline Mullins McElroy*



Robin Bartee - November 25, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BJ

“ *Ms Pauline you will be greatly missed. You worked with my step mom at LPH and when I was in the hospital she was so good to me and I also went to school with Her daughter Rachaelle at MECC as well as her neice Linda. She prayed with me when I was diagnosed with cancer and for years no matter where I was she always stopped me and spoke to me. Rachaelle, Nate and the rest of the family you know she's in a better place tonight without any pain, but will be greatly missed by both friends and family and she was loved by all whom knew her. RIP MS PAULINE*

Beverly Johnson - November 24, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss, will be praying for all of you.



Crystle Blanken - November 24, 2025 at 04:26 PM

GL

“ Glenda L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pauline Mullins McElroy.



Glenda L. - November 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM

GL

“ Glenda L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pauline Mullins McElroy.

Glenda L. - November 24, 2025 at 03:23 PM