



## Pauline Spurgeon McPhail

July 6, 1924 - October 13, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Vada Pauline Spurgeon McPhail, 94, died at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born July 6, 1924 in Wood River, she was the daughter of John and Alberta (Millican) Davis. Vada was an avid golfer and racquetball player. She retired in 1979 as a cafeteria worker for the Alton School District and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. She married Sam McPhail in 1980. He preceded her in death in 2009. Surviving are two daughters, Vicki Rulong (Gordon) of Jacksonville, FL, and Nancy Suhling (Bill) of Alton, one grandson, Bart Leonard (Erin) of the United Kingdom, two great-grandchildren, Ben and Mary Leonard, and a niece, Barbara Gillespie (Spencer) of Normal, IL. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman and Paul Davis, two sisters, Dixie Clinton and Helen Boren and her former husband, Raymond Spurgeon in 2009. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. Memorials may be made to [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org), a national school lunch program. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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2409 State Street

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline Spurgeon McPhail*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Pauline Spurgeon McPhail*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Vicki - so sorry about the loss of your mom. What great memories I have of your mom and Mrs. Lawless as our scout leaders, geeze, what was that, 100 years ago! Remember the good times and take care if you.*

*Gayvohn Robertson Bayley*

Gayvohn Robertson Bayley - October 27, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album*



Dawn Davis Stallings - October 18, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ *Nancy - sending my sympathy and prayers to you and your family as you mourn the loss of your Mother. Sincerely, Jane Lynch*

Jane Lynch - October 18, 2018 at 09:12 AM

NS

*Thank you, Jane.*

**Nancy Suhling** - October 19, 2018 at 09:41 PM

ME

“ *Please accept my condolences. Your mom was a real jewel and I always liked seeing her at the nursing home and getting her coffee. We talked often about her husband, Sam, who was my history teacher in Junior High. I will miss her sweet smile. God bless, Mitzi Erthal.*

**Mitzi Erthal** - October 16, 2018 at 09:09 PM

NS

*Thank you, Mitzi.*

**Nancy Suhling** - October 16, 2018 at 10:27 PM

SA

“ *Nancy,  
Sorry to hear about your mom. She was a great lady, who put up with both of us while we were in Junior High. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Sue (Dilks) Ansell*

**Suzanne Ansell** - October 16, 2018 at 08:46 PM

NS

*Thank you my friend!*

**Nancy Suhling** - October 16, 2018 at 10:28 PM

JS

“ Nancy and extended family I am saddened at the loss you now grieve such a dear sweet sole great forever friend Pauline. I will always remember our time together and friendship we shared Since 1975. What a truly lovely lady and like we always signed our letters forever friends. RIP dear one you are walking on streets of gold. My sincere sympathy to all of you. Thoughts and prayers Jan Sanders Fairplay Mo.

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**Jan Sanders** - October 16, 2018 at 02:39 PM

NS

*Thank you Jan. My mother spoke of you often.*

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**Nancy Suhling** - October 16, 2018 at 09:08 PM