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Memory



Pauline Dorothy Augustus

DECEMBER 24, 1927 - DECEMBER 11, 2025



First Church of God

1 First Church Lane, North Shore Road, Pembroke, Bermuda

Saturday, December 20, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

Order of Service

Officiant: Rev. Bishop Vernon G. Lambe Sr., MBE., JP, DD

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Song: *Amazing Grace* Olivia Hamilton

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Proverbs 31: 1-9.....Linda Simons

New Testament – John 14: 1-4 Betty-Ann Caesar

Words of Comfort Rev. Nicholas G. Tweed

Tribute from Area MP The Hon. Michael Weeks JP, MP

Tributes by Sherleen DeShields

Video Tribute

Solo.....Rickeesha Binns

Obituary Ashley Stephens

Musical Selection Sandra Warner

Eulogy Bishop Vernon G. Lambe Sr. MBE., JP, DD

Closing Prayer..... Bishop Vernon G. Lambe Sr. MBE., JP, DD

Closing Hymn ***Marching to Zion***

Recessional..... Clergy and Family

Interment

St. John's Cemetery, Pembroke

Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.



Refrain:
We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,
But children of the heav'nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.



Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.



Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.



Refrain



Obituary

Pauline Dorothy Augustus (née Caesar) was born on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1927, to Catherine Caesar in Pembroke Parish, Bermuda. She was the third eldest of five siblings: one brother, Sinclair “Coconut” Caesar, and three sisters, Margarie & Anita Caesar, and Ismay Butterfield, all of whom predeceased her. Throughout her life, Pauline was affectionately known to friends and family as Paul, Paulie, Nana, Gussie, and Salina.

Pauline attended Central School, now known as Victor Scott School, and left there at an early age to help with raising the family. She then joined the workforce as a domestic worker for a well-known Bermudian family. Though it was her first employment role, she left after respectfully declining to work on Christmas Day, explaining that the holiday was meant to be spent with her own family—a value she upheld throughout her life.

She later joined DeGraff’s Variety Store on Glebe Road, the family business, before moving to their bakery on Pond Hill, to bake the famous Degraff’s Beef Pies. She worked there faithfully until her retirement.

Pauline met her husband, the late David Henry Augustus, in the Friswell’s Hill neighbourhood. After several years of courtship, they married in 1953. Their union was blessed with five sons: David, Calvin, Derrick, Gary, and the late Raymond Augustus.

In 2005, Pauline was honoured as *Mother of the Year* at Kelly Zuill’s Annual Retreat. In 2019, she was honoured with a *Community Award*, in recognition of her outstanding service to Bermuda and the Friswell’s Hill community, by the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was accepted on her behalf by her grandson, Derricko Augustus. Coming from humble beginnings, both recognitions held special meaning for Pauline, and despite having the means to relocate anywhere on the island, she remained steadfastly loyal to Friswell’s Hill—the community she loved, supported, and called home.

Pauline was a true ‘diva’ long before the word became fashionable. She took great pride in her wardrobe, loved to dance, and frequented popular venues such as the Terrace and the Opera House. She delighted in entertaining and had a deep passion for travel—especially trips to New York with her goddaughter, Sherleen DeShields, and her nieces, Donna Alick and Pam Caesar, where she visited her dear friends Nora, Shirley and Naomi. Those visits were filled with shopping, dining, laughter, and enjoyment of each other’s company.

At times Pauline often traveled to Washington, D.C., with her husband David, his brother Alfred, and sister-in-law Rose, to visit another sister-in-law Juanita Augustus, affectionately known as ‘Nita’. However, Pauline’s son Gary remembers travelling with his mother, now in her later years, to Los Angeles where the two of them happily spent hours together at the casino. On one memorable trip, Gary drove her across the border to Mexico along with David and Marshall, where she ate lobster and danced along the boardwalk. Pauline also loved game shows and would watch them all day. Her favorites were Family Feud and The Price is Right. Once, Pauline went to a live taping of The Price is Right in L. A., with two of her girlfriends, Nora and Aunt Hi. The trio wore T-shirts that read **“Price is Right the Number 1 Show in Bermuda, hoping for one of us to get picked”**. Well, they did NOT get picked to be participants! However, to get into the studio, your name would be called and you had to run down the aisle. Pauline laughed so hard when her name was called, the whole crowd was screaming *“Go Bermuda”*.

One of Calvin's memories was when he and Ivy took Pauline to St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John's for Christmas, for the perfect birthday celebration. They met up with her cousin, Ilene, who lived in St. Croix. While they were on the ferry heading to another island, due to the rough seas, Pauline was screaming "God get me off this boat!!"

Derrick's memories include the a trip to Washington, for the funeral of cousin Kevin's mother, where the connecting flight from New York was unable to take off. As a result, they hired a limo to get them to get to the train station, which in turn got them to the airport. They arrived in Washington in time, although Kevin had to pick them up at 1'o clock in the morning! But Pauline was happy!

Derrick also remembers how his mother had revealed an incident that she'd witnessed. Pauline was getting her hair done at a salon on Parsons Road, and saw the police chasing a bike that had nipped between two buses. She wondered aloud "Who's that a** riding that bike like that?" When she looked, her question was answered. She said, "Oh my god that's my son!" Pauline was not about to rat out her son. Derrick sped off, and they never caught him!

Unfortunately, Pauline eventually was diagnosed with breast cancer and made several trips to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for treatment, taking her sons and grandchildren to be by her side on every trip there. During her last visit, Gary privately asked her doctor how long his mother had. The response was "two years". We elected not to tell her, and guess what?—Pauline went on to live another twenty years! She managed her illness with remarkable dignity, never complaining, and never seeking pity.

Despite significant health challenges, Pauline remained a pillar of strength and positivity. Her unwavering faith, gratitude for life, and resilience inspired everyone around her. She continued hosting family and friends, cherishing every moment spent with her loved ones.

Pauline's sons fondly recall her unwavering support of her husband. When David began his funeral business, Pauline took the very first call. She was truly the wind beneath his wings, once walking from their home to a Devonshire Bay construction site to personally relay a message to him, as there were no cell phones at the time. This was one example of how Pauline and David's perseverance through adversity set a powerful example for their children, instilling values of hard work, compassion, and commitment. A testament to this is the successful businesses run by their sons: the expansion of Soul Food on Court Street which is run by Gary & Calvin, and the continued growth of the Augustus Funeral Home, run by David, Derrick, as well as Raymond prior to his passing.

Pauline's presence was a constant source of comfort and encouragement. Her legacy of kindness, resilience, faith, and community spirit lives on through her family and all who knew her.

Known for her generosity and kindness, Pauline was always willing to lend a helping hand. Her home was a welcoming gathering place for family and friends, filled with warmth, laughter, and the aroma of home-cooked meals. She enjoyed gardening and took pride in her vibrant flowers.

In closing, one thing our mother never liked was people saying goodbye. She would always say, "Don't say goodbye—say see you later."

So Mom, "We will see you later".

Pauline's Family

Husband: the late David Henry Augustus, **Mother:** the late Catherine Caesar; **Children:** David Sr. (Marshalle), Calvin Sr. (Ivy), Derrick Sr., Gary (Lorriane) Augustus and the late Raymond Augustus; **Grandchildren:** David Jr. (April), Derrick Jr. (Angeline), Vonnek (Carmel), Calika (Michael), Calvin Jr. (Sanshae), Derrick, Chineza and the late Rayki Augustus, Dennikia, Jerrell and Skye Martin; **Great grandchildren:** Shardenea, Kiantae, Nazeem, China, Kahmi, Faizon, Kahdae, China, Chayse, David Jr., Riley, Drew, Noah, Saer; **Great-great grandchildren:** Harlan (UK), Jax (UK), Maaz, Zaki; **Special Grandchildren:** Regina DeShields, Jahmari, Jai, Quanny Smith-DeShields; **Brother:** the late Sinclair "Coconut" Caesar; **Sisters:** the late Majorie Caesar, the late Anita Caesar, the late Ismay Butterfield; **Brothers-in-law:** St. Clair Augustus and the late Alfred Augustus; **Nieces:** Sandra Warner, Linda Simons, Andrea Shakir, Bonnie Claggett, Pam & Shirley Caesar, Karen Baker, Donna (Derrick) Alick; **Nephews:** Kevin Augustus, Roy, Wendell and Mike Caesar, the late McDonald & Wayne Augustus, the late Arthur Caesar. **Godchildren:** Loise Outerbridge, Verna P. Bullock (nee Saunders), Sherleen DeShields; **Special Friends:** Shirley, Jackie, the late Delores, the late Nora; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Lovingly submitted by the Family








Tributes from the Family

To my Beautiful Nana,

Your love was a quiet strength that carried us all. As the **Matriarch of our Family**, you were our foundation the one who held us together through every season of life. In your hugs we found comfort in your word's wisdom and in your presence peace.

You taught us what kindness looks like, what family truly means, and how love never asks for anything in return. Though you are no longer here for us to hold, you live on in every lesson you gave, every memory we cherish, and every value you passed down.

We will carry you with us always in our laughter, in our tears, and in the stories we tell. Rest peacefully, Nana. You were deeply loved, the heart of our family, and your legacy will never fade.

 ***Love You Always***
Calika

Tribute to you nana girl!

"Nana Girl" - my nana was the heart of our family. The one who knew where we came from, and who held us all together. She was our matriarch, not just because of age or tradition but because of her warmth, wisdom, and unconditional love.


I am grateful that you were my nana. I am grateful Noah got to spend so much time with you. I am grateful for the businesslike mind that is in my bloodline. The last words you said to me was how tight Noah and my daddy are and how his a pain in the "donkey" but how that's my daddy's boy.

Here goes...

God has called you home. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, yet brought us peace to know you are no longer in pain. You left us peaceful memories, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain started to break with Papa, Uncle Raymond, Rakai, now you, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again!

Can everyone say: **AUGUSTUS STRONG!**

See you on the other side nana.

 ***Noah & I (Chenzy) love you forever and ever!***
Until we meet again.

My Dear Nana,

I'm still at a loss for words, and I wasn't ready to say goodbye. We spoke and joked so many times about how you *had* to stay around until you met my children. We both knew how much I wanted them, even if they weren't coming anytime soon. That was just our way—laughing, teasing, and holding on to the future together.

As the matriarch of our family, you showed us what family truly means. You taught us the importance of unity, resilience, and unconditional love. You made sure every single one of us knew how deeply we were loved and supported, no matter what.

The stories of how you held the family down—keeping everything together at home and making sure the family business was taken care of—are where our work ethic comes from. I see that strength in all of us, and especially within myself. Your determination, sacrifice, and consistency laid the foundation we stand on today.

You upheld our family legacy with pride and grace, never forgetting where you came from or the values that shaped you. Because of you, we know the importance of honoring our roots while continuing to move forward.


I will cherish all the memories we shared forever.

One memory that will always hold a special place in my heart is your last trip to Los Angeles. Uncle Gary took us to a beachfront store, where I spotted a hat with dreadlocks attached. I joked and convinced you to try it on so we could take a picture. The sound of your laugh in that moment still echoes in my mind every time I think about it. That laugh captured your joy, your humor, and the beautiful life you lived.

I'm going to miss you more than words can say, but a piece of your legacy will live on through all of us.

Rest well, my dear Nana.

I love you.

 Lovingly submitted by your grandson,
Derricko

In loving memory of Pauline Augustus,

A godmother, a mother, a heart of gold.
Chosen family, bound by love and choice,
Forever in our hearts, a treasured voice.

With gentle kindness she guided me,
Her warmth and smile, a radiant light,
Illuminating paths, banishing the night.

Though your gone, her love remains,
A legacy of kindness, forever sustains.

Rest in peace, Dear Godma, your love will stay,
A guiding star, on life's journey, every day.

 ***Love Sherl***

Mrs. Pauline,

I swear Mrs. Pauline invented the saying.
"Shop til you Drop".

I never experienced the meaning of those words until I shopped overseas with her, I swear I actually lost five lbs. over the seven days we travelled together.

Last year while talking to Mrs. Pauline on her 97th birthday she said, "I'm gone pass 16 but you don't have to let it (16) pass you.

"Soar high Mrs. Pauline you've earned your wings".

 ***Love Marshallle***







Pallbearers

Out of Church: Calika Jackson, Chineza Augustus
Betty-Ann Caesar, Nazeem Augustus
Kahmi Augustus, Skye Martin

To the Grave: Kevin Augustus, Faizon Augustus
Charles Caesar, Damon Simmons
Jahquan Smith-DeShields, Jahmari Smith-DeShields

Lower at Grave: David Augustus Sr., Derrick Augustus Sr.
Gary Augustus, Derrick Augustus Jr.
Calvin Augustus Jr., Derricko Augustus

Message of Gratitude

The family acknowledges your presence here today and extend their appreciation for your many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy, condolences and love shown to them during this time of bereavement, through visits, prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers.

Special thanks to the caregivers and nurses.

*A Celebration in Honor of Pauline will be held at
Ocean View Golf Course.*

May God bless you all.

