



Paula Sue Smith Bentley

August 9, 1952 - May 23, 2026

Paula Sue Smith Bentley, 73, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 23, 2026. To us she is known as Nonnie. She loved being outside planting flowers, and she enjoyed sitting on the deck watching the birds and hummingbirds come to eat. She loved all animals; rabbits, raccoons, and armadillos came into the yard, and she loved it. She especially loved cats, and she would have taken in every stray cat if she could. She took many trips with Pops, her husband of 55 years. They would go to the beach and to Kowaliga Restaurant overlooking Lake Martin. Her favorite place to eat and listen to music with Pops was Johnny Brusco's, where she had many special friends whom she loved. Paula's strong faith was the foundation of her life. It guided her daily and was reflected in the kindness and love she shared with her family and friends. Her greatest happiness came from her family. She treasured every moment spent with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and her love will live on through them. Even though we hate to let our precious Nonnie go, we know she is healed and is so happy to see all our loved ones who passed before her. As my daddy said, she has all the flowers she could ever ask for now. Paula is survived by her devoted husband, Ernie (Pops); her cherished daughters, Ashley Mullinax (Asher) and Stephanie Bentley; her grandchildren, Alyssa Powell (Chase) and Will Mullinax; and her precious great-grandchildren, Harper and Wylder Powell. We will have a memorial to celebrate her life at Brown Service Funeral Home in a couple of weeks, and we will let everyone know the date and time