



Pauline Gordon Oden, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at the Waldorf Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on September 23, 1931, in Croom, Maryland, to the late Samuel and Henrietta Gordon

Pauline's life was beautifully centered around faith, family, and friendship. A devoted wife, mother, and community member, she dedicated herself to serving others with grace and kindness.

She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1950 and went on to proudly serve her country in the United States Navy from 1954 - 1957. On January 25, 1964, Pauline married Clifton Oden, at Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Pauline retired from the U.S. Census Bureau in 1991. After raising her family and retiring, she continued to serve her community through her involvement with Most Holy Rosary Church. She found joy in traveling, watching movies, and spending time with her loved ones.

Pauline is survived by her beloved husband, Clifton Oden; her children Jeffrey Oden, Michael Oden, Darryl Oden (Robbin), and Cheryl Bannister (Kenneth); and her grandchildren Adrianna Oden, Sean Oden, and Amaya Oden. She is also survived by her siblings John, Francis (Ruth), Kenneth (Gay); her sister-in-law Alice and brother-in-law William; as well as a host of loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Henrietta; siblings Eli, Shirley, Joseph, Mary, Harriet; and her sister-in-law Theresa and brother-in-law Albert.

Funeral Services are as follows:

A visitation will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at the St. Joseph's Center of Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 11700 Duley Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Interment will take place at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland at a later date.

Pauline will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her generous heart, and the deep love she shared with everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched.