

# Pauline Muriel Watkins

(nee Spencer)

19<sup>th</sup> June, 1922 - 18<sup>th</sup> May,  
2007

Our Mum was a born mother and grandmother. She adored babies and felt fulfilled in her maternal role.

Born in Kidderminster, England, Mum migrated with her family to Australia when she was aged four.

With a brother older, and a brother younger, Mum enjoyed a close family relationship. A secretary, she married at age eighteen to our Dad (Les Watkins) and proceeded to have five children, Richard, Pauline, John, Glenda and Bill. She worked tirelessly for us and always made sure we had whatever we needed. She was thrifty, resourceful and gave us unconditional love. When Mum became a grandmother, she was so delighted. She eventually had fourteen grandchildren, and so far has five great grandchildren.

Mum was also a loyal and kind friend and when she died, we were touched by the lovely messages people sent about her.

Mum was very ill in the last years of her life with heart and lung problems, and it seemed unfair when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2006. However, Mum was very stoic and endured her mastectomy and subsequent complications with courage and dignity. She was a tiny little thing when she died and we could not have asked her to live longer because she had lost any quality of life. We will always appreciate the lessons Mum taught us, of honesty and hard work.

The Family of Pauline Watkins

