



## Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck

April 15, 1926 - July 20, 2025

Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck passed away peacefully on July 20, 2025 at her home in Madison, Al. Nina was born in Mallettown, Arkansas to Paul and Nora Herring Mallett on April 15, 1926. Her birthday was easy to remember, but it always amused her that “tax day” rather than “Nina’s birthday” was top-of-mind for most people on April 15.

Nina was a mischievous daughter, one time enlisting her younger brother Paul as her co-pilot as they drove their father’s truck to visit a cousin – Nina steering and shouting commands; Paul in the floorboard pushing the clutch, brake, and gas pedals. They made it safely there, but alas never had the chance to repeat their triumph.

After graduating from Morrilton (Arkansas) High School in 1945, she worked in various jobs until joining the Army in 1949. Shortly thereafter she was sent to Tokyo, Japan where she remained for three years. Nina was always a bit grumpy at President Truman, though, as her assignment was for a two-year stay until in 1952 the President ordered that US troops deployed in the region in support of the Korean War remain in place until hostilities ended.

Upon her return from Japan, she completed a bachelor’s degree in business education from Arkansas State Teachers College, now the University of Central Arkansas.

Nina married her husband of 37 years, Max, in 1961 after a lengthy 16-day courtship. Together they raised one son, Scott.

Nina is survived by one brother, Paul (Shirley) Mallett of Monroe, Louisiana,

by her son Scott (Jeana), and granddaughter Melissa Kowerduck-Robinson (Steve), She is also survived by daughter Beverly Kowerduck Marney of Bakersfield, CA, granddaughters Lori Raue (Chris ) and Kelly McKinsey (Darren), son Bob Kowerduck of Lincoln, CA, grandsons Robert, Paul (Jenee) and George, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Nina was a member of Plumerville Methodist Church in Plumerville, Arkansas for many years.

Today, she is resting in the arms of her Lord Jesus Christ.

A celebration of life will be held at Plumerville Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 25. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. She will be interred next to Max in Mallettown, Arkansas.

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Plumerville Community Methodist Church  
200 West Church  
Plumerville, AR 72127

## Celebration of Life

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (cst)

Plumerville Community Methodist Church  
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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ When I first met Ms Nina, she was in the lunchroom at Madison Manor. I sat down at her table and introduced myself. Her lunch had already been delivered. She was wearing a very pretty sweater. I noticed that she was taking food from her dinner plate and placing it on top of her bosom (on her sweater). I finally spoke up and said, “Ms Nina, you are going to stain your beautiful sweater”. She looked me square in my eyes and said, “I just don’t care”. From that instant, I was hers. That 97 year old woman had life figured out and shared with me a small glimpse of it. Rest in Peace my sweet friend.

Jimmy Fish - July 24, 2025 at 12:51 PM

JF

“ Jimmy & Vanessa Fish purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.



Jimmy & Vanessa Fish - July 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.



July 24, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BW

“ So many great memories of Aunt Nina. She began each day in Jacksonville with us, saying "Good Morning Sunshine." She was one of my best driver's ed instructors. Took me to country music shows. At Arkansas State Teachers College the dean asked me if I was related to Nina Mallett. With her 3.99 G.P.A. I was reluctant to claim family ties. Mine was nowhere near that. Hope you are finding peace at this time.

Love,  
Betty

Betty Wallis - July 24, 2025 at 11:22 AM

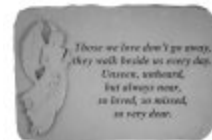
DO

“ David, Dianna, and Evan O'Dell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.

David, Dianna, and Evan O'Dell - July 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DO

“ David, Dianna, and Evan O'Dell purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.



David, Dianna, and Evan O'Dell - July 23, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BC

“ Beverly, Lori and Kelly (W/love from CA) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.

Beverly, Lori and Kelly (W/love from CA) - July 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM

BC

“ *Beverly, Lori and Kelly (W/love from CA) purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.*



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**Beverly, Lori and Kelly (W/love from CA) - July 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM**

BM

“ My name is Beverly, Nina's step-daughter but she never believed in the word step (or adopted, for that matter) so to her I was simply her daughter. I met Nina shortly after she married my father, Max when I was 15 and had an instant liking to her. She was so cute, open, giving and fun-loving. We grew to be very close. We use to visit often when they lived in Calif and talked on the phone every Sunday morning from 7 to 7:30 when they lived in Arkansas and I lived with my children in California. My dad would usually call and start the conversation, then hand the phone to Nina. He would then monitor the call so as to be sure it didn't last any more than half an hour. They started making numerous trips to Calif so that we could share my grandchildren. She loved babies (understatement)! The weekly calls continued for 15 yrs until my dad passed in 1997. After returning home from the funeral in Arkansas, I was so pleased when the phone rang that first Sunday morning and cried happy, thankful tears as I realized she intended to carry on the tradition!. We were careful to limit the calls to 7 to 7:30 as we agreed that "he was right" - half an hour was plenty of time but I always felt, as I know she did too, that we could have gone on and on forever. I have missed her so much since the illness took her away. She didn't recognize me any more but she did remember me because she would talk lovingly "about" me - "to" me. What a sweetheart! I feel blessed to know she always knew and loved Jesus. He was forever in her heart and I am so happy for her that she is finally resting in His arms. I'm so sorry I couldn't be there for her but am so proud of Scotty, the good son, for taking such good care of her.

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**Beverly Marney** - July 23, 2025 at 07:32 PM

YF

“ Your New Covenant Chrysalis Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.

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**Your New Covenant Chrysalis Friends** - July 22, 2025 at 06:01 PM

YF

“ *Your New Covenant Chrysalis Friends purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.*



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**Your New Covenant Chrysalis Friends** - July 22, 2025 at 06:01 PM

YF

“ *Your Toney Church family. purchased the Psalm 23 Tribute Blanket for the family of Nina Pauline Mallett Kowerduck.*



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**Your Toney Church family.** - July 22, 2025 at 12:51 PM