

**Pauline Murillo (Cahuilla/Serrano)
Elder of the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians**

Pauline, (known affectionately as Dimples) was born in 1934 on the San Manuel Reservation located in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains; Pauline Murillo is a deeply respected Elder of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Married to George, her husband of 58 years, Pauline was a loving and attentive mother of three children, grandparent of eight, and great-grandparent of 19.

From an early age Pauline Murillo worked with her mother, Tribal Spokesperson Martha Manuel Chacon, to reach out beyond the borders of San Manuel to bring a better quality of life to the reservation which until the 1980s lacked even basic infrastructure.

Growing up, Pauline and her mother visited schools to share factual accounts of tribal history, culture and language that were not well known outside of her community. She would carry this work forward as a tribal culture bearer, native speaker, author and presenter dedicated to a principal, "To never forget who you are or where you came from."

In 2001, Pauline published the critically-acclaimed *Living in Two Worlds*, which includes hundreds of family photographs that help offer a truly unique insight and spiritual view of her life growing up on the San Manuel Reservation in the 20th century.

Her autobiography stands as an important historical work about California Native American women, a genre lacking significant representation in our nation's written history.

Her most recent work, *We Are Still Here Alive and in Spirit* is the compelling sequel to *Living in Two Worlds*, which garnered strong reviews from literary circles around the country. *We Are Still Here Alive and in Spirit* continues her memorable story of life on the San Manuel Indian Reservation and includes more than 1,500 rare photos that complete a unique picture of the Native American experience.

Pauline and George are noted philanthropists donating time and funds to hospitals, schools and non-profits to benefit the greater community. In 2009 the Murillo's donated to Cal State San Bernardino to construct an observatory which bears the family's name. In 2008 the family's contribution to Loma Linda University Medical Center allowed the hospital to expand its lounge for oncology patients and their families and was rededicated to the family.

Pauline was a homemaker and enjoyed being active in the community. She was a member of the Highland Women's Club, a proud member of the "Red Hat Ladies" and both she and George are members of the Highland Senior Center, which is an organization that serves seniors in the Highland area. They have made many personal contributions to this organization.

Passionate about Tribal heritage and culture, Pauline "Dimples" enjoyed traveling to various public schools and colleges in the area, speaking to faculty and students about Native American culture, identity and tradition. Working to pass the language to future generations, she spent hours teaching the youth and anyone interested the Serrano language. She also made Indian cradle dolls and other Native American arts and crafts, which she displayed and sold at Native American cultural events including Indian Pow-Wows.