

*Paula Kaleel Banks was born to a Palestinian father and French Canadian mother.*

*When she was three years old, her mother died. Because her father was blind, City Social Services placed her in a series of foster homes until she was eleven years old. Then she entered a Quaker Friends boarding school. She first married at 15 and was soon divorced. Later she had a son, Fred Buckley. Over the years she married three more times, outliving two of her beloved husbands.*

*She has written poetry since boarding school, made gardens, and made a home for many strangers where ever she lived.*

*Paula retired in Punta Banda, Mexico, until her last days.*

# Paula Banks



February 20, 1920 - March 5, 2007

Why do we claim the name of poet;  
because we rhyme sometime?  
Oh no! It's a visionary way of seeing  
More a way of being  
Than of words upon a paper  
More of essence, less of vapor  
Or a literary caper.  
If we never write a word  
What we live will still be heard.  
for more poems and Paula's life  
in pictures and words go to:  
<http://www.paulachronicles.com>

Poet

On March 31, 2007  
friends and family of  
Paula Cecilia Kaleel Banks  
gathered to celebrate her life  
at La Joya Beach below  
Ensenada on the road  
to Bufadora.  
5 pm.