



Violet Able

July 25, 1915 - April 16, 2012

Violet LaVonne Able, Missionary Emeritus with Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland, Ohio, died April 16, 2012. She was a long term resident of Prescott Valley, AZ. She was born July 25, 1915 in Berthold, North Dakota to Joseph E. and Lulu E. (McQueen) Able, both deceased. Three brothers, Howard D., Joseph E. and James K. Able, Sr.; and a sister, Dolores H. Berg, preceded her in death. Miss Able is survived by a half-brother, Clinton G. Able in Montana; a half-sister Trudee Able in Minnesota; 7 nieces and 9 nephews. With keen interest in Alaska from an early age, and after finishing and becoming a Christian at age 16, she worked in business offices for ten years before enrolling in Moody Bible Institute in Chicago after Pearl Harbor, graduating in 1944. Later, in 1961, she finished teaching accreditation at Seattle Pacific College. Commissioned by Nottingham Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, she sailed aboard Alaska Steamship Lines the week Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed (Aug. 4, 1945.) Violet served as a missionary and teacher, first with Slavic Gospel Association from 1945-1948, and then with Baptist Mid-Missions as their first missionary to Alaska from 1949-1984, and then she retired to Arizona. Following the 1964 devastating 8.6 Alaska earthquake and subsequent tidal wave, which washed out her entire section on Kodiak Island, Miss Able served in Anchorage and surrounding area in Christian education, music, bible schools, Good News Clubs, and AWANA in some of the Baptist churches being planted by over 30 missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions (from 1964-1984.) Visitation and

funeral services will be held at Sunrise Funeral Home on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10am, with Pastor Tom Petro of Open Door Baptist Church, presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland, Ohio 44130 or to Open Door Baptist Church, 8451 E. Stephens Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ, 86314. Sunrise Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Violet Able

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Aunt Vi was a part of our lives from the moment we were born. She led my grandmother to the Lord in the late 1930's and from that point on they were best friends. Grandma (Marjorie Bowie) played and sang with Aunt Vi as she visited different churches. They looked forward to visits during furlough and my grandparents used to save money to make sure that they could make their monthly phone call to Alaska. Aunt Vi has had an eternal impact on our family. Marnie Bowie passed away 4 months ago at the age of 95. I know that Aunt Vi and my grandparents are now rejoicing together in Heaven.

Amy Fawcett Mapes - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM