



Mary Halsell

January 19, 2011

PRINCETON – Mary Elizabeth “Mimi” Tolson Halsell, 89, of Princeton, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at The Havens. Born January 16, 1922 at Rison, AR, she was the daughter of the late George Lincoln Tolson and Annie Laura Payne Tolson.

Mrs. Halsell was a graduate of Rison High School. She held a bachelors degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and a masters degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She served the Lord with her Baptist minister husband in Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia. They served together as Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil for 14 years. After retirement, they did short-term mission work in Ireland, Hong Kong, Germany, Japan and at Bluefield College. She has been a resident of Princeton since 1999, moving here from Louisville, Kentucky.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Erle Halsell in 1995, whom she met on September 1, 1938 at Rison Baptist Church and married him there on September 1, 1942; one sister, Beatrice Tolson Deere; and two brothers, Joe Alexander Tolson and George Lincoln Tolson.

Survivors include her children, Hilda Ann Blevins and her husband Jim of

Farmersville, TX, Tomé E. Halsell, Jr. and his wife Frances of Sydney, Australia, Maribeth Dockery and her husband David of Princeton, and Laretta Marie King and her husband Alton of Birmingham, AL; seven grandchildren, Christine Halsell Bennett and her husband Daniel of Memphis, TN, John Michael Halsell and his wife Michelle of Ft. Worth, TX, Lydia Ruth Dockery of Washington, DC, Andrew David Dockery of Charleston, WV and his fiancée Maggie Stonestreet of Huntington and Sarah Elizabeth King and her fiancé Jeremy Cousins, Anna Marie King and Jonathan Thomas King all of Birmingham, AL; six great-grandchildren, Aiden, Rowan and Kamen Halsell and Noah, Evan and Sean Bennett; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Princeton with Dr. David W. Dockery officiating. Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2011 at the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

Because the burial will be in Kentucky, the family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1116 Mercer St., Princeton, WV 24740.

Friends may call Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until service hour at the First Baptist Church in Princeton. Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mrs. Halsell, or send the family online condolences, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

[Click here to view a video memorial tribute to Mrs. Halsell](#)

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Halsell*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Tommy & Mary Elizabeth were some of the finest people I have ever known. They were a blessing to me, both when Tommy was with the WVCSB, and later when he taught at Boyce and supplied in the Louisville area. Mary Elizabeth truly displayed a gentle and quiet spirit, and was a help to Tommy in his ministry. I'm certain the students at Boyce loved the homemade treats that showed up at class with Tommy. It was a privilege to call them friends.*

Jon Caudle - February 27, 2011 at 06:49 PM



“ *My wife Edna requests that I send condolences to the Halsell family. We knew Mrs Halsell while her husband was supply at the Memorial Baptist Church in Bluefield, WV. She was a great person and will be missed by all who knew her. Edna Layne Pruet Husband Charles D Pruet M D*

Charles D Pruet M D - January 23, 2011 at 02:03 PM



“ *My family and I are praying for you!! I can only imagine the huge celebration in Heaven as everyone was reunited again. I am so thankful for the rich heritage of faith, family, and love that we all have. Praying for you all -Julie Hopkins(Howard & Charlene's granddaughter; Pat's daughter)*

Julie Johnson Hopkins - January 22, 2011 at 01:15 PM

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“ Aunt Mary was a very kind and sweet lady. She was always smiling and never said an unkind word to anyone. All you had to do was meet her and know her to see that she was a living example of God's Word.

George & Linda Deere - January 22, 2011 at 10:45 AM

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“ I am praying for all of you. I know it hurts right now, but just think about the huge celebration heaven had this week ! Tome lam so happy you made it home in time to visit with her. Wish I could have been there with you all. Laretta I LOVE YOU .

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