



Violet Agatha Baker

September 25, 1913 - September 13, 2011

OBITUARY INFORMATION: Violet A. Baker Violet A. Baker, 97, died Tuesday, September 13 at the Mennonite Home in Albany. Violet was born September 25, 1913 on her parents' homestead near Chinook Montana. She was the eldest of Isaac P. and Dessie (Doney) Newton's seven children. She grew up in Newberg. Violet graduated from Newberg High School in 1932, and many years later attended business college in Nampa, Idaho. She married James Edward "Ed" Baker June 21, 1935 at Chehalem Center Friends Church, near Newberg. They celebrated 71 years of marriage in 2006. Violet assisted Ed as he pastored in Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends from the time she joined him in 1935 at Centerpoint Community Church, Notus, Idaho. They also pastored Friends Churches at Ontario Heights, Baker, and Timber, Oregon; Meadows, Idaho; and Rosemere (Vancouver), Entiat, and Quincy, Washington. Violet played the piano, typed bulletins, and taught Sunday School wherever they went. Her other jobs ranged from assistant postmaster to laundry worker and bookkeeper. In 1981 Violet and Ed moved to Quincy, Washington then returned to Oregon in 2005. Violet is survived by her daughters Rachel Reinertsen of West Linn, Bethel Thoennes and husband Harvey of Corvallis, and son John A. Baker and wife Elaine of East Wenatchee, Washington. Brothers Zane Newton of Quincy, Washington and Gene Newton of Canby, Oregon are her only surviving siblings. She was preceded in death by Ed in 2007 and most recently in June 2011, her sister Gladys Strait. She leaves nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Violet's 98th birthday, September 25, will be celebrated in heaven with Ed and her many other loved ones. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg. Rev. Jess Slusher of Quincy, Washington will officiate. Burial follows at Noble Cemetery in West Chehalem, near Newberg. Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.attrells.com Memorial contributions may be made to the North Valley Friends Church c/o Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg, Oregon 97132.