



Aileen Bowen

May 24, 1930 - October 6, 2012

Mavis Aileen Bowen, 82, of Fort Collins went home to be with the Lord on October 6, 2012. She was born May 24, 1930 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Truman and Ruth Harsha. She married William Bill Bowen, her childhood sweetheart and love of her life, on May 22, 1950 in Point Loma, California where he was serving in the US Navy San Diego. Aileen graduated in 1948 from Wheaton College Academy in Chicago, Illinois, and then attended John Brown University in Arkansas. She sung in the University Cathedral Choir which aired over campus radio on Sundays. She was a member of the Christian Women's Club and a guide-teacher in Pioneer Girl's Club at First Baptist Church of Fort Collins. She taught Sunday School and enjoyed playing the piano and organ. She supported her husband with his family business and enjoyed group-home Bible studies. She was a devoted Christian wife, mother, and grandmother, always sharing her deep faith and love of her Lord Jesus Christ with everyone she met. Preceding Aileen in death were her parents; sister, Evelyn Zimmerman; infant sister, Helen Harsha and brother, Truman Harsha, Jr. She is survived by her deeply devoted husband, Bill; two sons, Spense and Tom Christine; and two daughters, Deborah Gardner Bill, and Carol Hill Ken. There are also 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Grace Presbyterian Church or Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W.

Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Somehow I think this song was written about you mom. Thank you Lord Jesus. Beautiful Soul Lyrics By Christine Bowen and Music By True Witness All content of lyrics and music © 2010 Verse One My eyes are on fire. I dare not veil this glow. Not veil this glow. I live to the beat of my heart, of my heart, suffering for this Love I know. Chorus Wildflower on sunny days, bold sacrifice in summer's haze. Bear witness spread cross grassy knoll. Laughing, dancing, Beautiful Soul. Verse Two This air of design. I dare not exhale a breath. Not exhale a breath. I seek the escape of one life, of one life. I embrace the life of one death. I embrace the life of one death. Bridge Wildflower, speak to me. Wildflower, speak to me. Wildflower, speak to me. Wildflower, speak to me. Outro Beautiful Soul, Beautiful Soul, Beautiful Soul.

True Witness - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Grandma Bowen: Although our paths never crossed, I just want to thank you for all of the support and love that you showed to this family and to the ministry of True Witness over the years. Your love is carrying on because although you are no longer here with us, your heart still remains.

Dan Adams - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear grandma u will be missed so much you always made time to make me and the family all those special cards you always brought god into are life thank you so much the kids always look at there bibles you got them we all will miss you wish we could of seen you more we will always have you in are hearts love always Ben and the family

Ben Troxel - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Ben Troxel - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the Bowen family, especially Debbie, I have very positive memories of your family and especially of "Mrs. Bowen's" hospitality and graciousness and what a wonderful mom she was. She was a great influence in my life in both Sunday School and Pioneer Girls at First Baptist Church. I am lifting you all up in prayer as you walk through this grief journey together. And I am especially rejoicing that she is walking streets of gold in the light and company of our amazing Good Shepherd!

Sandy Bickel - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry Bowen family for your loss. I am praying for the Lord to hold you during this difficult time.

Julie Stephens - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Grandma Bowen, Although I never got to meet you in person, I knew you and your love. I felt your love in your letters that you sent to Joe and I on our marriage and then for the Birth of our Joey...your Great Grandson. I feel so bad that he never got to meet his great grandmother but Joe and I promise to you that he will hear about you and know of your love. I loved reading your cards with all the scriptures and pictures, they were always uplifting. You will always be in our hearts and our love for you will never fade away. Until we meet again one day. Forever my love to you, Kara Guida

Kara Guida - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Grandma, I love you so much. From the beginning when i first met you, i felt your warmth and love. God Blessed me so much by bringing you in my life. You always encouraged me in everything I ever did. I loved the letters you would send w/ pictures and bible verses. I always read every verse and applied it to my life. I remember you bought me my first set of "Christy" books. I loved them so much. It inspired me to read more. My husband Dan and My son Jack will know about your love. It will continue on b/c it is the love of Christ. I will tell them all about you. I love you. -Heather Adams

Heather Guida - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Grandma, I will miss you a lot. I remember how you sent me the pictures of me as a baby, and I cherish those to this day. I love you alot Grandma. You were an awesome Grandma. My wife and I will always hold you dear. Love you, AJ

AJ Bowen - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Grandma, i love you. thank you for all the letters of love and wisdom that you sent us through the years. Your granddaughter kara and your great grandson joey will know how you have impacted my life, even though they never knew you, they knew your love of the ministry and your love of all of us, thank you for being a loving grandma and i love you and will pass on your love with god and family to my family and show and pass your love on to them

Joe Guida - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Grandma...I will always be blessed by the wonderful letters you sent to me each year filled with so much love, happiness, and support. I still have and will always cherish the handmade blankets and pillows that I got as a child/teen. I feel blessed to have known you and will hold to all the memories of love from you. Thank you for all the support you always gave to the ministry of the band with your thoughtful words and letters. Love-Kim

Kim Adams - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mom... Thank you for your Love, and for always supporting True Witness. Your encouragement through the years was uplifting for me and my family. You were a good mother, and I will always Love you. We will miss you. Tom

Tom Bowen - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ MOM: I love you. You have been such an amazing Mother-in-Law and I will never forget your heart. The years of letters between us, and the pictures and Scriptures you always shared brought joy to all. You blessed my life with your unbelievably wonderful son Tom, and I will always cherish you for that. Tom and I were blessed to have you as a Grandma to our children, and a Great-Grandma to our 2 Grandsons. We are mostly blessed to have you as a mother. You will always be remembered and Loved. Love is Enough and it is Forever in Christ.

Christine Bowen - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ To my always loving grandmother, Eventhough we were miles apart you impacted my life in so many ways. Because of your words of wisdom and love, I am who I am today. I will cherish every moment spent with you and look forward to the day I see your beautiful face again. When I look at the sky I will think of you and know you will be looking back. I love you Grandma and you will truly be missed. Love Always, Katie.

Katie Graves - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My condolences to the Bowen family. Tom and I went to CSU together and I remember Aileen as concerned about all of us. Tom..feel free to get ahold of me in Fort Collins. My prayers are with you all in your grief.

Tom Major - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ *Aileen was always the epitome of the gracious southern lady. We enjoyed the time we spent together. Although we were only able to enjoy her company for short spurts of time over a long period of years, that time was precious. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends.*

Howard and Linda Norman - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *To my Grandma Bowen, I will forever remember your kind words and how they encouraged me in some of the hardest times throughout my life. Having you for my Grandma has been one of the biggest blessing in my life. You are truly missed and will always remain in my heart. I Love you Grandma! Love Carime*

Carime Reid - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *To my loving grandmother, I will cherish every memory we shared together. You taught me so much and are a big part of who I am today. I will always love you and look to the heavens for guidance throughout the rest of my life. I will feel comfort in knowing you will always and forever be with me. Love Lauren*

Lauren Troxel - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM