

Elizabeth Ann Shorten

DECEMBER 24, 2020

January 1927 - December 2020

Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Shorten, 93, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on January 27, 1927 to Harold Edwin and Elsie Louise (Mullen) Beatty. She



spent her early childhood in Japan and then took her education in New York State achieving a Masters in Education. After teaching in Niagara Falls, Betty followed the call of God and went to serve the Lord in Angola, Africa at Chilonda Mission.

At Chilonda, Betty taught school and helped in women's ministry. Even after many missionaries had to leave because of political unrest, Betty courageously remained as the only missionary at Chilonda which earned her great respect from the Angolans in Bie district. There were no doubt, difficult and lonely times for her.

In 1975, she was reacquainted with Charlie Shorten who had returned to Angola to visit and encourage the local churches. Betty married Charlie in 1976 and they served the Lord together for 40 years in Angola and London, Ontario. Betty was especially gifted in translation work.

She is lovingly remembered by her brother James (Lorraine); sister-in-law, Ruth; and many nieces and nephews. She is also mourned by her step sons, David (Kathleen) and Robert (Beverly); nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Charles, parents, brother Phillip Beatty, and her sister Katherine Beatty.

Betty went to be with her Lord on Thursday, December 24, 2020, in Red Deer, Alberta.

Memorials may be made to Missionary Service Committee, Canada <https://www.msccanada.org/how-to-give-online/>. or Christian Missions in Many Lands, USA <https://www.cmml.us/donate>.



<https://www.myalternatives.ca/obituaries/shorten-elizabeth-ann>

Printed on June 3, 2026