



## Alta Ruth Auten

April 16, 1932 - April 2, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

On Monday, April 2, 2012, Alta Ruth (Mason) Auten, a living example of the Proverbs 31 woman, went home to be with her Lord. After battling crippling arthritis for many years she is now in her new glorified body. She was born to the late Edwin and Stella (Vancil) Mason in Morrisonville IL on April 16, 1932. She married James O. Auten Jr., of Jamestown, AR, on Sept. 5, 1954 in Piedmont, Mo. He preceded her in death. One of eleven children she is survived by five sisters: Marcella Paul of Shipman , Alma Jones of Wood River, Dorothy Dawson of Godfrey, Evelyn Fletcher of Godfrey, Audrey Goodwin of St. Louis, Mo. She was a homemaker and above all a mother. She is survived by her children: Pattie Auten of Godfrey, Joyce Hocker (and husband William) of Highland, Rev. Kevin Auten (and wife Melissa) of Moro, and Kent Auten (wife Sonja) of Jerseyville. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Elizabeth, Don, and Katie Hocker of Highland, Jeffery and Kirsten Auten of Moro, and Emily and Seth Auten of Wood River and four step grandchildren; Allen, Whitney, Ashley, and Megan Damron all of Jerseyville. She was awaited in Heaven by five more grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Donald, David, and Ralph Mason, and two sisters, Pearl Gvillo, and Ora Palmer. Living her life based on God's Word and by her philosophy that "your success is measured by what you leave for the next generation", she is also survived by her church family, and by many children (now young adults), to whom she dedicated her life ministering to, through her

babysitting, and her church ministry. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at her church, Faith Baptist Church in Godfrey at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012. Her Pastor, Rev. Tom Olney will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be given to the Mississippi Valley Christian School in Alton.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alta Ruth Auten*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Alta Ruth Auten*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Remembering the many lovely phone calls and thoughtful attentions paid to my mother, Edna Zimmerman, by Mrs. Auten and Kent. We were all so grateful for your friendship and kindness. Blessings and Peace*

**Jean Zimmerman Krieg** - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *As children my sister and brother and I loved to visit our tiny, fun aunt. Aunt Alta's feet were so small that we could play dress-up and wear her high heeled shoes. She even gave us some of her old heels to take home with us. She also hosted the funest children parties. She was a kind and loving woman who will be missed by many. Praise God she is now free of pain and surrounded by loved ones who have been waiting for her arrival.*

**Brenda Jones Powers** - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I always admired her deep devotion and dedication to God's work.*

**Jane Meeks** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Ellen (Roemer) Fuhler*

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**Ellen Fuhler** - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Alta Ruth Auten*

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**kenny w. fessler** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Altas passing. She is afe in Gods arms now. She will be greatly missed. I have been thinking all about all the fun we use to have playing at her house when we were growing up. Such fond memories.*

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**Darman and Ruth Ann Clifton** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM