



Ruth M. Searles

January 4, 1928 - October 1, 2025

Ruth M. Searles, 97, died at 9:25 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center in Alton. Born January 4, 1928 in Alton, she was the daughter of Reverend Albert W. Hinners and Lois M. (Card) Hinners. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. On June 4, 1949 she and Truman "Bud" Searles were married at Calvary Baptist Church by Reverend J. Curtis Martin. Bud preceded her in death on October 19, 1985. Mrs. Searles retired from Calvary Baptist Church as the financial secretary in 1988. She was also a tax consultant volunteer for AARP for 10 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Jana M. Searles of Alton and Susan E. Johnson of Alton, one son, James T. Searles (Karla) of Alton. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Michael Halliday (Angie), Sarah Halliday (Elias "Lee" Montano), Haley Brown, and Jacob Searles, six great grandchildren, Toby Halliday, Spencer Halliday (Ella Cardel), Joanna Halliday (Heath Tite), Quinn Halliday, Ellamena Brown, and Henry Brown, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Eileen Hinners and Donald and Mary Jo Hinners. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 6, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services in Carmi, IL. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Funeral

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ruth and I spent a lot of time just talking. She will never be forgotten. She was a great Christian friend to my mother and I.*
Carole

Carole Springer - October 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM

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Jim we send our prayers to you and all your family on one of the roughest times in anyones life. She lived a long life and that you can be thankful for.
Ken and Cindy McDonald

Ken McDonald - October 05, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family. The memory of your mother will live in your hearts forever. ❤️*
John & Cheri Gineris

John Gineris - October 03, 2025 at 08:24 AM