



## Ruth Caroline Hofstetter

October 20, 2010

Beloved aunt and friend, Ruth Caroline Hofstetter, age 94, of Versailles, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri.

She was born April 16, 1916, at the family farm in Morgan County, Missouri, the daughter of Christian and Bertha (Welty) Hofstetter, and was raised near Versailles. She graduated from Grace Bible Institute in 1951.

Ruth served many years as assistant to the Business Manager for Grace Bible Institute (now Grace University) in Omaha, Nebraska from 1951 to 1974. She returned to the Versailles area in August, 1974, to help care for her aging mother. During that time, she also served as Deputy Recorder of Deeds for Morgan County.

Though Ruth never married, she invested her life in relationships. She was a beloved sister and a cherished aunt to her nieces and nephews. Beyond that, she embodied the words of Luke 18:29-30 where Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life." In addition to being an aunt, she was like a sister, a mother, a grandmother, or a great-grandmother to a multitude.

Ruth was an active member of Bethel Mennonite Church, serving at various times as Sunday School Teacher, Director of Vacation Bible School, Church Treasurer from 1977 to 1995, and as an active member of Women in Mission.

She was well known for the multitude of quilts and comforters she made, many of which brought top dollar at Bethel's annual Brotherhood Sale. She was a prayer warrior for her church, her denomination, missionaries, and many others. She loved volunteering for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Warrenton, Missouri. Up until her death, she was an active member of the Upstairs Quilters and a volunteer for World Craft and Thrift in Versailles. She is survived by her nephews, Jim Hofstetter, Ron Baumgartner, Daniel Baumgartner, Daryl Hofstetter, Don Hofstetter, David Hofstetter, and Bill Hofstetter; her nieces, Earlene Stealey, LaNelle Mead, Elvera Siegel, Donna Lindgrin, and Florene Heineman; many great-nephews and nieces; and many other friends and relatives.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Pearl Baumgartner, Orrie Hofstetter, Gideon Hofstetter, Mary Hardin, Ivan Hofstetter, Wilbert Hofstetter, and Pauline Hofstetter, and a nephew, Keith Baumgartner.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bethel Mennonite Church. Interment will follow in the Bethel Cemetery. The family will receive loved ones and friends during visitation at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles on Friday, Oct. 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Welty Mission Fund care of Bethel Mennonite Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.