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## My Mother

*Written By: Rev. Ron Ball*

In the month of May, we celebrate "Mother's Day." This year will be different for me. It will be the first "Mother's Day" I have ever celebrated without being able to talk to my mother. This past October, just 2 days before her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, she died. We held her funeral the day after her birthday. I still miss her. If you have the opportunity to spend some time with your mother, please do it. You will cherish it later on. I wrote a card to give my mother, Sarah Ella Birge Ball, for a Mother's Day gift. Please allow me to share it with you.

### MY MOTHER, FROM A TO Z

A is because you ALWAYS believed in me.

B is for the way you never gave less than your BEST.

C is for the demonstration of strong COMMITMENT, even in the toughest times.

D is because I could DEPEND on you. So could others.

E is for the gift of ENCOURAGEMENT, which you freely shared.

F reminds me of FRUGAL. You

can make a dollar go farther than anyone I know.

G stands for GENEROUS. You are always looking for a way to give.

H represents HAPPY. You taught me that it is from within, not from without.

I just has to mean INDEPENDENT. You never gave up.

J reminds me of JOYFUL. Laughter is your jolly friend.

K calls to mind KITCHEN. No one could make a better meal with less than you.

L is certainly LOVE. You oozed love. M is because you will be the one I see when I hear the sacred word, "MOTHER."

N is for the good NAME you have among those who know of you. O is for OPTIMISTIC. You have no trouble expecting good things.

P reminds me that PRAYER is something that mother's do well.

Q is for the QUALITY you put into everything you do.

R stands for the RESPECT I have for you.

S is for the SILVER of

your hair and the SWEETNESS of your SMILE.

T is because I could always TALK to you and you had time to listen.

U is for the UNSELFISH way you love and live.

V is for VIM, VIGOR, and VITALITY. Your work never ceases.

W stands for a determined WILL to make even tough times work out.

X is because you showed me the value of going the 'XTRA mile.

Y is just because YOU are YOU.

Z helps me remember that a ZEST for life makes a good life.

From A to Z, you are the best. Thank you for being a good MOTHER.

Love,

Ronnie

*Please Pray for Us:*



Rev. David McVay and Family

Rev Mario Aman

**Our Churches Our District Our Country Our Nation**  
You may also submit Prayer request for Clergy and Family on our website

*Clergy Spouse  
Gathering*

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

*Noon to 1:30 pm*

*Frazer Memorial UMC*

*Rooms 7202-7204*

*No registration necessary  
Just come, relax and enjoy a  
casual meal & fellowship*



**Grace UMC 4/52010**



Building Address:  
915 E. Glenn Avenue  
Auburn  
State: AL

Phone: (334) 887-7003

Service Times: 11am CT  
Summer Service Times:  
Other Worship Times: Sunday  
5:30 p.m. (Weekly) UMYF  
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. (weekly)  
Prayer & Share Thursday 8:00  
p.m. (weekly) Men's Basketball  
& Devotional

Sunday School Times: 9:45am  
CT

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 3125  
Auburn AL, 36830

Email: graceum-  
caub@bellsouth.net  
Website: [http://  
graceumcaub.org](http://graceumcaub.org)

Handicap Access:  
yes

Directions:  
I-85 N toward Opelika

L at Exit 57 onto East Glenn  
  
L on East Glenn Ave. & go aprx  
3 miles

Pass intersection of E Glenn &  
E. University.

Church is on R facing East  
Glenn

**Rutledge UMC, 4/12/2010**



Rutledge, AL  
Rev. Robert Brown

District: Montgomery - Opelika

Building Address:  
1747 Lee Street (S.R.10)  
Rutledge  
State: AL

Phone: (334) 335-2067

Service Times: 11am , 6pm CT  
Summer Service Times:  
Other Worship Times: Sunday

Evening Service at 6pm Mid-  
Week Service-Wednesday 7pm  
Sunday School Times: 10 am  
CT

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 8  
Rutledge AL, 36071-0008

Email: brobobos@troycable.net

Handicap Access:  
yes

Directions:  
From U.S. 331, 2 miles north of  
Luverne, turn west on State  
Road 10 toward Greenville.  
Continue 1 1/2 miles to Town  
of Rutledge. 200 yards past  
business district, church is on  
the left. Parsonage is 1 block  
from church across S.R.10 at  
83 North 1st Avenue. Parson-  
age is small brick dwelling (1st  
house on left). Church office  
located in parsonage.

**Gold Hill UMC 4/19/2010**



Gold Hill UMC, Waverly, AL  
District: Montgomery - Opelika

Building Address:  
1140 Lee Rd 93  
Waverly  
State: AL

Phone:

Service Times: 8:00 am 1st and  
3rd Sunday  
Summer Service Times:  
Other Worship Times:  
Sunday School Times:

Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 157  
Loachapoka AL, 36865

Email: greens1@auburn.edu  
Website:

Directions:  
From I-85N or S, Take exit 58  
toward Opelika/US-280 Turn  
left at Gateway Dr Continue on  
US-280 Turn right at AL-147/AL  
Hwy 147 N Continue to follow  
AL-147 Turn right at Lee Rd 93

Gold Hill UMC is on right

Clergy in this church:  
Scott Greenwood



## Secretary's Corner

We are all looking forward to Annual Conference 2010! There is a lot of information already on the website and up-dates daily.

Registration will be different this year so be sure to keep up with the changes being posted. One of the changes is that you will need to register for your meals online before Annual Conference and there are many other changes.

### As always –

It would be great if you would check your church on the database to be sure we have all your information correct.

If you do not have your username and password or need help updating your information, call me at 334-239-7329 or 334-590-5493. In order to update your information, go to [www.awfumc.org](http://www.awfumc.org) and click on the blue bar to the right at “church login” This is where you will need your username and password.

Thank you for all you do to help your clergy and me. Remind your clergy about the dates he/she needs to be aware of and advertise to your congregation the changes for Annual Conference.

*Linda*

Conference Wide Safe Sanctuaries Training Event

May 15, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Luke United Methodist Church (Pensacola, FL)

Cost = FREE

RSVP is appreciated to Traci Herndon [traci@awfumc.org](mailto:traci@awfumc.org)

All are invited to participate especially those who have not gone through a training or who do not have a safe sanctuaries policy.

Thank you if you have already made a reservation for this event.



*Just in case you  
aren't told  
enough, thanks  
so much for all  
you do.*



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