

Obituary

Joan Davidson Mize Holder, 86, of Columbus, Georgia died November 17, 2020 at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Hospital.

Joan was born September 3, 1934 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Joseph Quentin and Maude (Memi) Adams Davidson. She attended Wynnton Elementary School and Columbus High School in Columbus, and graduated from Auburn University in 1955.

Joan returned to Columbus and was an elementary school teacher at Rigdon Road Elementary School. In 1956, she married George Wright Mize and together they had four sons. Following George's death in 1971, Joan married John Henry Holder, Jr. in 1974 and she became the proud mother of three stepdaughters. She was blessed with a wonderful family of which she was the unquestioned matriarch and she often said that her greatest treasure was her family. She was a gracious hostess to the entire family, on vacations, holidays, Masters parties and when watching Auburn football games together. In addition to enjoying her family to the fullest extent possible, she also enjoyed cooking, reading, being with friends and playing bridge.

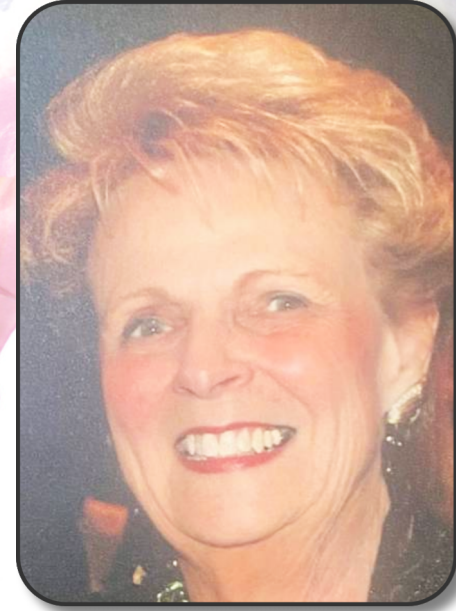
Joan was a dedicated member of this community, having served as the President of the Junior League of Columbus, a Director of Muscogee Manor Nursing Home, a member of the Board of Trustees of Historic Columbus Foundation, a Director of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and served on the boards of many other civic organizations.

Joan was a woman of great faith and a lifelong member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. She was active in the life of St. Luke, having served as the Secretary of the Administrative Board, a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, chairman of the Altar Guild and many other roles and duties for her beloved church.

Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her beloved husbands, George Wright Mize and John Henry Holder, Jr., sister, Barbara Davidson Henkel, brother, J. Quentin Davidson, Jr.

She is survived by her four sons and their wives, George Wright Mize, Jr. (Genie), David Quentin Mize (Lisa), Carter Lanier Mize ("J") and John Madison Mize (Tracey) all of Columbus, three stepdaughters, Carol Ann Holder, Jerrilyn Holder Helbing and Kathy Holder Smith, (Butch), ten grandchildren, David Quentin Mize, Jr. (Tara), Sallie Davidson Mize (David), George Wright Mize, III (Brandy), Mary Adams Mize Kinney (Cliff), Mallory Flournoy Mize, Carter Lanier Mize, Jr., Jack Wright Mize, Kathryn

Killingsworth Mize, Madison Laine Mize, and Kirkland Ann Mize; five step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren (and one on the way) and four step-great grandchildren.



In Memory Of

Joan Davidson Mize Holder

September 3, 1934 ~ November 17, 2020



Services In Care Of

McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory
Columbus, Georgia

Psalms 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.*

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Date of Birth

September 3, 1934

Entered Into Rest

November 17, 2020

Graveside Services

11:00 AM, November 20, 2020

Parkhill Cemetery

Columbus, Georgia

Officiating

Rev. Robert Beckum

Dr. Kevin Calhoun

Interment

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Columbus, Georgia