



# Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley

November 15, 2024

Mrs. Bessie Lee Edmondson Coley, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed peacefully in her sleep on November 15, 2024.

Mrs. Coley was born on August 30, 1924 and was a longtime member of the Bowdon Baptist Church. She was the last surviving member of Bowdon's Blue Stocking Club. Bessie was an accomplished artist; she enjoyed the Art Community of Atlanta and participated in the cultural events in both Bowdon and in Greater Atlanta. Her love of art encompassed visual, performing and musical artistry. She found love and enjoyment in gardening; excelled in cooking; and, not only designing everything from Easter outfits to Prom dresses, but also lovingly sewing them. Bessie was dedicated to her children's lives. She loved reading and having a lively conversation with a cup of black coffee. She especially enjoyed taking walks in the winter woods. She was a night owl who preferred getting things done in the middle of the night while everyone else slept. Bessie had an eye for style in her appreciation for decorating, beautiful landscapes, and antiques. She was proud of her Scotch Irish heritage, and her many trips to Ireland and Scotland made her feel close to the people, the land and the culture of her ancestors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Burton Coley, and grandson, Adam L. Coley.

Survivors include her children Laura J. Edgerton (James L. Edgerton), Rebecca A. Ashford (Clinton Ashford), Philip B. Coley (Kitty Coley), David L. Coley (Julie Coley), Juliet E. Coley. She was honored with 15 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren.

A private graveside was held on Sunday, November 17, 2024. The memorial service will be held at a later date.



# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Janie R. Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley*



**Janie R. Meadows** - November 23, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MH

“ *Mike & Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley*



**Mike & Lee Haynes** - November 19, 2024 at 05:03 PM

PR

“ *Pam Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley*



**Pam Rutledge** - November 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SM

“ *Sherrie Musick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley*



**Sherrie Musick** - November 19, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Edmondson Coley*



**Kay Driver** - November 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM



*The family of Ohmer & Gladys Hightower sends their deepest condolences & prayers to Mrs. Coley's family. Elaine Hightower Rome, Ga.*

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**Elaine Hightower Chambers** - November 19, 2024 at 10:12 AM