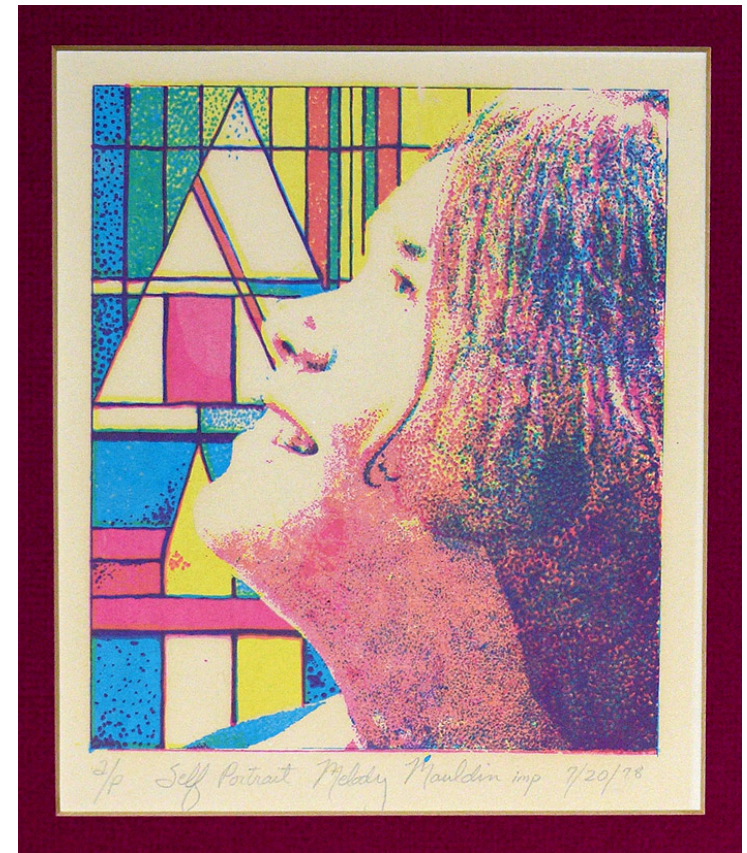


A MEMORIAL SERVICE
THANKING GOD FOR THE LIFE OF
Melody Mauldin Covington
IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
October 5, 1958 – August 13, 2026

Prelude	Dr. Emma Pettyjohn, organist
*Processional	"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended"
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Deb Trimpe
*Hymn #620	"Because He Lives"
Scripture Readings	Rev. John Walker
Testimony and Tribute	Written by Dr. Michael Covington Read by Rev. John Walker
Scripture Readings	Rev. Deb Trimpe
Meditation	Rev. Deb Trimpe
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
*Benediction	
*Postlude	"Lord, for the Years"

* Please stand if able



Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

I Corinthians 13:7-10

Melody Mauldin Covington, née Melody Lynn Mauldin, born on October 5, 1958, died unexpectedly on August 14, 2026, during a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael A. Covington; her daughter Catherine Covington Barrett (of Louisville, Ky.), and son-in-law Nathaniel M. Barrett; her daughter Sharon Elizabeth Covington (of Athens, Ga.); her mother, Eleanor Daniel Mauldin; her sister, Crystal Mauldin Holman; and five grandchildren, Mary, Philip, Benjamin, Emily, and Stephen Barrett. She was preceded in death by her father, James Elmo Mauldin, Jr., and her granddaughter Dorothea Rose Barrett.

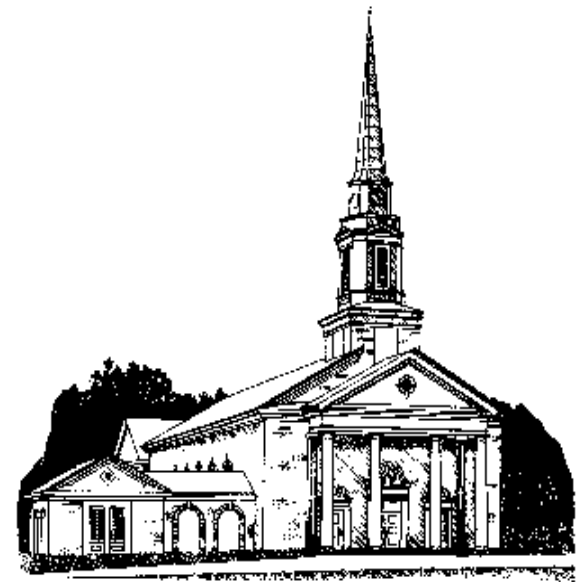
Melody was born in Atlanta and spent her teenage years in Winder, where she was STAR Student of Barrow County and Valedictorian of Winder-Barrow High School in 1976. She met Michael at a University of Georgia recruiting event, and they were immediately best friends and soon a great deal more. Their marriage was extremely happy, and they had just celebrated the 50th anniversaries of some of their first visits and dates.

She majored in graphic design at the University of Georgia, was briefly art director of the Marietta Daily Journal, and for most of her life did free-lance graphic design and typesetting as well as devoting lots of time to her children. She was the author of *Dictionary of Desktop Publishing* and co-author of *Dictionary of Computer and Internet Terms*. The pursuit that first brought her and Michael together was nature photography, but in fact they shared most of their very broad intellectual interests. A devout Christian, she was an active member of Beech Haven Baptist Church and subsequently Alps Road Presbyterian Church until declining health interfered.

May God enfold her in His arms, and may her memory be eternal.

Interment will be in Oconee Hill Cemetery, 297 Cemetery Street, Athens. Bernstein Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Thursday, August 27, 2026, 11:00 AM

Alps Road Presbyterian Church
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