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Mrs. Emma Jane Risher, 1969 'Mother Of Year'

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Mrs. Emma Jane Risher, 88, widow of Col. James F. Risher, died Wednesday at Kershaw Memorial Hospital in Camden after a short illness.

Born in Colleton County, she was a daughter of the late William Muller and Mary Ida Folk Varn.

Mrs. Risher was named "State Mother of the Year" in 1969.

She was a graduate of Carlisle Fitting School and Columbia College and did graduate work at Winthrop College and Columbia University.

Mrs. Risher served as Home Demonstration Agent for Bamberg County for a number of years and was active in the development of the first school lunch program in the county before it was a federal project.

She was active with her husband and sons in the development of Carlisle Military School and the Camden Military Academy. She had the responsibility of operating the food service program.

Mrs. Risher was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and served on the official board and the building committee. She also served as president of the Friday Afternoon Book Club.

Surviving are four sons, James F. Risher Jr. of Atlanta, William R. Risher of Garden City, Lanning P. Risher of Camden and Eugene V. Risher of Arlington, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Edward C. (Sara) Watford of Pageland and Mrs. John M. (Mary) Tatum of Camden; a foster brother, Dan Price of Charleston; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church, with burial in South End Cemetery.

The family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to the Camden Military Academy Development Fund, Camden, S.C.

Cooner Funeral Home is in charge.