



## Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale

July 1, 1985 - August 24, 2020

Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale, of New York City, New York, passed away following a brief illness on August 24, 2020.

Born in Alpharetta, Georgia, on July 1, 1985, Caroline was the cherished daughter of Ardre and Cynthia Blackmon and the loving wife to Patrick Reale. She attended schools in both Marietta and Cobb County, graduating in 2003 from John McEachern High School, then continued her education at Georgia Southern University, graduating with a degree in Speech Communications and Rhetoric. In her professional life, Caroline taught English as a Second Language in Hong Kong, served as Location Manager for various preschools in New York City, and had recently taken on the challenge of writing both children's books and her personal memoir for publication.

Caroline was a lifelong member of Marietta First Baptist Church and was baptized there alongside her brother, Wesley Bramlett. As a teenager, she dedicated her talent to the theater, performing in both dramas and musicals at the high school and the college level. Her greatest joys, though, came in the classroom, as she shared her love of performing with students from preschool age to young adults. In her personal life, traveling the world brought her great pleasure; closer to home, she learned to appreciate baseball, whether it was the New York Yankees or the Atlanta Braves, and loved the New York way of life for all the theaters, museums, and experiences it had to offer. In her heart, though, she was always a southern girl, ready to cook for anyone who came into her life.

Caroline was preceded in death by grandparents Conrad and Ruth Salley, and Andrew Blackmon and Frances Patenotte. She is survived by her husband Patrick Reale, parents Ardre and Cynthia Blackmon, brother Wesley Bramlett (Casey), uncle Michael Salley, nieces Mackenzie and Marleigh, and nephew Cameron.

The family invites friends to join them for a celebration of her life on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the home of Wesley and Casey Bramlett, 792 Breckinridge Road, Marietta, Georgia. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the "Grateful First" building campaign at Marietta First Baptist Church, 148 Church St., Marietta, Georgia, 30060, if you desire, in honor of Caroline. Online condolences may be made at [www.mayeswarddobbins.com](http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com)

# Comments

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“ My deepest condolences to you and your family Cynthia. Your Pope family is thinking of you and keeping you and your daughter in our prayers.

Leslie Shearstone - Pope School Counselor

Leslie Shearstone - August 31 at 04:15 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 31 at 01:06 AM

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“ My deep condolences to Cynthia and Ardre & family! So sorry about the loss of your beautiful; talented Caroline! Our friendship was back in the days before your precious daughter came in your lives, but my prayers & sympathy go out to you!

Modree M. Smith - August 30 at 09:35 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 29 at 11:53 PM

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Susan Salinger - August 29 at 08:44 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 29 at 04:24 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 29 at 11:15 AM

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“ It was February 2011. A friend of mine had a friend that was looking for a new place to live. I was open to it and reached out to the friend and told her to come by to meet us and see the apartment. She arrived with her hobo chic attire. Greeted me at the door and then I lead her through the apartment. Normally this was something that would take 10 minutes maybe 30 minutes or even an hour. Nope Miss Caroline walked in, through and back to the door in about a minute and said “I’ll take it!”. She was my roommate for 6.5 years. So many memories in our Harlem apartment. So many meals, so many cook offs, good times and bad times. I will miss her crazy stories, her self deprecating sense of humor, her love for teaching, and her laughter. I am so sorry for your lost and hope that the memories people share will give you comfort during this difficult time. She was so proud of her family.

Deepest Sympathies,  
Cat Hoa



Cat Hoa - August 28 at 03:18 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 28 at 03:09 PM

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“ Cynthia, Caroline gifted so many lives with star dust and goodness. I am so sorry that you are going through this tragedy. May you and your family find comfort in your precious memories.  
Gwen Sewell

Gwen Sewell - August 28 at 10:06 AM

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“ Cynthia and Ardre,

I was saddened to learn of the passing of your daughter, Caroline. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Cynthia Compton Simms

Cynthia Simms - August 28 at 12:09 AM

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“ This is absolutely heartbreaking. Carie was such an enormous part of performing arts at McEachern while we were both there. Her talent and enthusiasm were matched only by her kindness and humor. She told the best stories, encouraged everyone around her, and was just such a bright presence.

I'm so appreciative of the warm memories I have of her, and I hope good memories

bring some comfort to all who knew her.



**Amanda Long** - August 27 at 09:16 PM

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“ Am so very sorry my heart aches. Our prayers are with you at this time and always.

**David Lenihan** - August 27 at 08:49 PM

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“ Regina Kim purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



**Regina Kim** - August 27 at 07:51 PM

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“ Dear Patrick,  
We send our deepest sympathies to you for the loss of your beloved wife, Caroline.  
You will be in our prayers.  
Karen and Allen Hirons

**Karen Hirons** - August 27 at 04:26 PM

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“ Dear Cynthia and Ardre,  
We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious daughter. We are praying for your every day.  
Karen and Allen Hirons

**Karen Hirons** - August 27 at 04:23 PM

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“ Larry and I are so sorry to hear of Caroline's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.

Lynn and Larry

Lynn - August 27 at 02:05 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 27 at 01:30 PM

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“ Dear Cynthia

I was so sad to read of Caroline's passing. She was a beautiful girl and appeared to have lived a full and exciting life. My prayers are with you and your family.

Always

Carolyn Hudson

carolyn hudson - August 27 at 01:14 PM

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“ Carie was beautiful in every way.. she was smart, funny, ambitious, always had such great energy. even though we didn't talk regularly in the past couple years, I always thought of her and was hoping to see her again in my next visit to NY. I still can't believe she's no longer here... Rest in peace Carie. You'll be forever in my heart

Manda - August 27 at 03:06 AM



“ Thank you Manda. She absolutely loved playing tour guide in New York.

Cynthia Blackmon - August 27 at 09:18 AM

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“ Caroline was such a beautiful young lady, full of life, and love. May the many memories of family times and her love comfort you. May prayers of your friends give you strength.



Sharon Jordan - August 27 at 12:13 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



Sharon Jordan - August 26 at 11:35 PM

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“ Uncle Mike lit a candle in memory of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale



Uncle Mike - August 26 at 10:49 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.





“ Mary Robinson lit a candle in memory of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale



**Mary Robinson** - August 26 at 09:42 PM

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“ Cynthia, I can remember your sharing pictures of Caroline's birth in the teachers' lounge at McEachern. You were very excited and proud and I saw the same love and pride for her years later when I saw you at Walton and you were telling me about Wesley and Caroline. My heart breaks for you, but you are one of the strongest women I have ever known and I know that God is wrapping his loving arms around you to comfort and get you through this. Please know that there are many friends praying for you and your family.

**Karen Goodell Webb** - August 26 at 09:20 PM



“ Thank you, Karen.

**Cynthia Blackmon** - August 27 at 09:20 AM

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“ Russell Clayton lit a candle in memory of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale



**Russell Clayton** - August 26 at 08:13 PM

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“ Caroline was the Love of my life , my best friend , my rock.

I'll miss you for the rest of my life.

Patrick

**Patrick Reale** - August 26 at 07:37 PM



“ And she loved you with her whole heart.

**Cynthia S Blackmon** - August 26 at 10:12 PM



“ Patrick, on behalf of Cynthia's Sunday School Bible Study class (of which you and Caroline have been unofficial members of for years), know that we are praying for you. We send our sincere sympathies.

**Renee White** - August 27 at 02:33 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale.



August 26 at 07:36 PM

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“ Caroline was a person so full of life and hilarity that it seems unfathomable that she's gone. We worked together at a daycare in NYC. She was irreverent, smart, self-deprecating, kind, and oh so sweet. When she left AMC, I always missed her comments and the laughing as she passed my desk, embellishing on some minor mishap. I adored her. Her passing is unthinkable.

**susan salinger** - August 26 at 07:03 PM



“ Thank you, Susan. She absolutely loved working with children primarily because of the friendships she made with the teachers. Life without my sunshine can never be the same.

**Cynthia Blackmon** - August 27 at 10:36 AM



“ I'm so so sorry Cynthia for your loss, for all of our loss. And I know how much she loved you. On our very first day at the new UWS school, she immediately sat down on the floor and called you. You were the person she wanted talk to, to share her excitement about the beautiful new classrooms... You were a big part of her life. You and your husband raised an amazing young woman. I'm grateful to have known her.

**Susan Salinger** - August 29 at 08:29 PM

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“ Tim Ingalsbe lit a candle in memory of Caroline Seleta Blackmon Reale



**Tim Ingalsbe** - August 26 at 06:57 PM