



## Mrs. Georgia Hatfield Carnley

January 28, 1930 - November 29, 2019

Georgia Hatfield Carnley, 89, passed away Friday morning, November 29, 2019, at Big Bend Hospice. She was born January 28, 1930, to George and Rossie Mae Hatfield in Eufaula, AL, one of 11 children. She met her wonderful husband, Fellis Carnley, in Eufaula, AL and married on Christmas Day, 1953.

Fellis and Georgia moved to Tallahassee in 1963, where her husband, Fellis, started his career with WCTV. Her introduction to the political world was in 1980 when the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce asked her to answer phones for the Lobbyist they provided service for on the Capitol 4th floor.

A five year stint as a Receptionist for the Florida Chamber of Commerce followed.

In 1987, she became Receptionist in the Executive Office for Governor Martinez. She then continued as Receptionist for Governor Chiles, Governor MacKay and Governor Jeb Bush. This was her true calling and many still say today that the Governor's office is not the same without her. With her Southern drawl and easy smile she made a comforting first impression on people that visited the Capitol. In 2003 she retired to be the caregiver for her late husband, Fellis.

She was a member of the Welcome Wagon, Tallahassee Garden Club and an avid Bridge player. She was a member of Bradfordville First Baptist Church and loved her Sunday School Class.

Georgia was preceded in death by her father, George Washington Hatfield; her step-father, Claus Severin Stensland; her mother, Rossie Mae Stensland; her husband, Fellis J. Carnley; and son-in-law, Nathan P. Stanley. She is survived by her son, Robert E. (Bob) Carnley (Margaret Hanna Stenglein) and daughter Kathryn K. Carnley-Stanley; two sisters, Julia H. Doss (Lee) and Kim S. Olive (John Ed); two brothers, Emil C. Stensland (Stevie), Chuck L. Stensland (Adrienne) and numerous nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be at Abbey Funeral Home Chapel, 4037 N. Monroe Street, Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 1:00pm with entombment immediately following at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. Please join the family for the Celebration of her Life following the funeral, 2:30 to 4:30pm, at the Holiday Inn & Suites North, 2725 Graves Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd. Tallahassee, FL, 32308.

Her family would like to express gratitude to Big Bend Hospice for their steadfast guidance thru her journey and Dr. Ronny Raines, Pastor of Bradfordville Baptist Church. Many thanks are given to Right at Home for their long term Caregivers: Loreatha Jefferson, Shi Keriya Davis, Star Wilson, Jessica Dunlap and Mikhala Jamison.

Online condolences may be expressed at <http://www.abbeyfh.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL, 32303

# Events

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**DEC 4** Service 01:00PM

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Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL, US,  
32303

# Comments

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“ Georgia was such a bright spot at the Capitol. So welcoming and such a skilled staff member for the Governor’s office. Please share our condolences to her family, particularly to Her son Bob - Barbara and Glen Doran  
Bnd\_doran@hotmail.com

**Barbara and Glen Doran** - December 05, 2019 at 12:53 AM

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“ She was the brightest light at the Capitol for so many years. She was so proud of her children and was the embellishment of a southern lady.

**Anthony "Tony" and Linda Minichiello** - December 04, 2019 at 07:45 PM

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“ I met Miss Georgia when I was 28 working the transition team for Gov. Martinez. It's a classy move to have a receptionist who get to know everyone. She even knew the sound of my walk coming down the Capital terrazzo floor! She was made of class. And there was never another receptionist like her.

**colleen castille** - December 04, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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“ Such a wonderful spirit, always willing to help with grace and kindness. Thank you Georgia for bein a guiding light for so many! Ken Detzner

**ken detzner** - December 03, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ To the family of Georgia Carnley: my condolences on the loss of such a kind and committed public servant. Georgia treated everyone who came to the Governor's office with utmost respect. A true gem. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.--  
Susan Gage, formerly of FL Public Radio

**Susan Gage** - December 03, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 03, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ Bobby, we are sorry for the loss of your mother. Although we didn't know her, she sounded like an amazing lady! She was blessed to have such a wonderful son. Our prayers and sympathy are with you and your family.

Love, Ken and June Stivers

**june stivers** - December 03, 2019 at 04:10 PM

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“ My condolences The smile you had will light up a room. On Nov. 22nd the last thing you told me was that you loved me and for a fact I knew it. You meant a lot to me and you will truly be missed Rest In Peace



**Star Wilson** - December 03, 2019 at 08:01 AM

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“ Love and prayers for Kathy, Bob, Margaret and the entire family.

Darlene Hogan

**Darlene Hogan** - December 03, 2019 at 07:31 AM

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“ Sending my heartfelt sympathies and loving understanding to Kathy Carnley, family members and friends. Mrs. Carnley was an asset to our community and State Of Florida.

Her reception at the Office of Our Governor spanned several different Administrations, Democratic and Republican. Mrs. Carnley's welcoming and professional services, helped to streamline and guide the priorities and route their engagement to the communications processes of Our State's highest Office. Her demeanor, acumen and diplomacy , were a role model of public relations, her services rendered, a longstanding benefit, to the public public citizens and policymakers of Our State of Florida.

**Amanda Woods (Mandy)** - December 02, 2019 at 11:27 PM

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“ Kathy, I will never forget the look on your mom's face the morning after I had spent the night in my car after running out of gas. Without the invention of cellphones walking back to your house would bring me to safety. Her hug gave me warmth. You and your dad made sure my mom knew I had been found. I loved her for always making me feel at home.

**Hannah Mahler** - December 02, 2019 at 09:00 PM