



Caroline O'Bryan Claiborne

November 9, 1944 - March 26, 2025

Caroline O'Bryan Claiborne (80) passed away peacefully on March 26, 2025 in Tallahassee, Florida where she has lived the majority of her life. She was born on November 9, 1944 to parents William Augustus O'Bryan and Carolyde Phillips O'Bryan. Caroline graduated from Leon High School class of 1962. Following high school, she attended Chipola Junior College and then Florida State University where she was a proud KD while earning her Bachelors in Fashion and Illustration. Caroline later became an esteemed editor and ad specialist, most notably for the Tallahassee Democrat where she would meet her future husband Clyde, and then the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She then moved to New York and spent a decade working for various companies, including Mercedes Benz. Upon her return to Tallahassee, Caroline worked at Goodwood Museum & Gardens in many capacities, one being their membership coordinator.

Following retirement, Caroline employed her artistic and creative skillsets often. She was always a history buff, specifically Tallahassee and Florida history. You could often find her illustrating local historical landmarks, sometimes incorporating them into cards or postcards to share with others. Caroline also enjoyed sharing her photography with others, and believed all art should be shared which led her to being very involved in her beloved brother Bill's passion for music while he was still living. Caroline was predeceased by her parents and her brother, William "Bill" Augustus O'Bryan,

Jr.

A celebration of Caroline's life will be held at the tennis courts of Goodwood Museum & Gardens on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 10:00am. She will later be reunited with her family at St. John's Episcopal Church Cemetery of Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leon County Humane Society or to a charity of your choice.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting with Caroline's arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Goodwood Museum and Gardens
1600 Miccosukee Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the immense pleasure of working with Caroline at the Office of the Clerk in the Florida Legislature during the 2008 session. She was friendly and warm to everyone, and I felt very fortunate that we were able to know her. I send my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Melinda Stanwood - March 29, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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“ I am in shock that I only saw your obituary two hours after the Goodwood service today. I am sad that I was unable to say goodbye. I know, though that now you are not suffering in a fading light and I know that you are once again in that “Honky-tonk in Heaven” with your beloved brother Bill who’s music you so dearly loved and supported. Wishing you God’s beautiful peace sweet girl.



Fred Chester - March 29, 2025 at 11:59 AM

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“ Chineze A Ekezie (Chi Chi) lit a candle in memory of Caroline O'Bryan Claiborne



Chineze A Ekezie (Chi Chi) - March 27, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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May her sweet soul and souls departed continue to RIP.

Chineze A Ekezie (Chi Chi) - March 27, 2025 at 03:21 PM



*Sleep on sweet Caroline. May you find rest in the Bolsom of the Lord.
Our knowing was short but full of memories. May your gentle soul
continue to RIP.*

Chineze A Ekezie (Chi Chi) - March 30, 2025 at 02:18 AM