



## Ginger Carter

February 11, 1957 - July 9, 2024

Dr. Ginger Rudeseal Carter died from complications of breast cancer on July 8 in Milledgeville, Georgia, at the age of 67. She was the daughter of the late Leamon and Molly Rudeseal of Atlanta. She is survived by her husband, Blanton Carter, and her son, Jeffrey Carter.

Ginger earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Georgia State University, a master's from Auburn University, and a PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi. She won many academic awards and taught journalism at Northeast Louisiana University. Along the way she wrote for a number of newspapers and worked in public relations for the antidefamation league.

In 1996 she and her family moved to Milledgeville, GA, where she taught journalism at Georgia College and State University until she retired. She was an inspirational teacher and was much loved by her students. She followed their lives and careers with enthusiasm.

Ginger was a prominent member of several organizations dedicated to higher education. The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication honored her by naming their annual teacher of the year award after her.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 2 PM in Community Baptist Church. A Livestream will be available through the church website. Guests are requested to wear something purple in support.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
143 Log Cabin Road  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Carter's passing. She was a wonderful, sweet lady and an awesome teacher. She always made her classes fun and she was fun to be around. She will be missed.*



**John Walden** - July 17, 2024 at 03:14 AM



“ *Rita A Judy lit a candle in memory of Ginger Carter*



**Rita A Judy** - July 14, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



**Luther Minor** - July 13, 2024 at 10:27 AM

“ My 12 favorite memories of Ginger:

1. Seeing her marry Blanton in her parents' rose garden.
2. How she hosted my bridal shower.
3. That she loaned my hubby-to-be and me two gorgeous Bavarian goblets (which she and Blanton had purchased in Germany) for our wedding toast.
4. The two of us frantically searching for said goblets at the wedding venue the next day—at last finding them unharmed amid a mountain of trash in the kitchen.
6. That she used to call me “Sparky.”
7. That my parents adored her.
8. That she “commissioned” (i.e., asked nicely for) me to draw zodiac images for the then-new horoscope column in Georgia State U's student newspaper. This marked the beginning and end of my art career.
9. How she loaned me her car when mine was “in the shop” so I could go to a meeting in Smyrna. Not far from Doraville (where Ginger lived at the time), her car threw a rod and died on the shoulder of I-285. It seems neither of us understood the severity of a red “check engine” light. I don't recall much after that. But I do remember that Ginger never uttered an unkind word.
10. Visiting a beach on Tybee Island with Ginger, my mom and “baby” bro' Rob just after sunrise. And how, after I came back to Savannah, Ginger, Blanton, and Jeffrey vacationed here and always found time to see me.
11. How Ginger sheltered me in Milledgeville during Hurricane Matthew and for a week after that—all because my beloved old BMW broke down there.

*And best of all, I remember...*

12. Standing in a candlelit Milledgeville church on Christmas Eve 2023 to witness Ginger and Blanton's second wedding. I'll never forget that evening.

*And of course, my dear friend, I can never forget you. Thank you for being such a sweet part of my life and so many others. Rest in peace, and know you now rest in our hearts.*

RL

“ Rest in peace to a wonderful lady with a huge heart. Always had a smile and a kind word. You will be missed!

Renee Lassetter - July 11, 2024 at 09:37 PM

BO

“ Dr. Carter was such a wonderful person and professor. Her kindness was always appreciated. She remains an inspiration to me as I begin my journey as an instructor. 💜

Bobbi Otis - July 11, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ 🌸 Ginger was one of a kind 🌸 She always liked to be a little different ,and had a great way of looking at things. Her purple hair was just one example 🌸 I met her years ago working with Relay for Life 🌸 She always tried to help others 🌸 I will miss that sweet smile and her great hugs 🌸 Rest easy my sweet friend you deserve it 🌸  
Love You,  
Karen



Karen Evans - July 10, 2024 at 09:42 PM

CY

“ Ginger and I took a work trip to Belize together. It may have technically been for work, but we had a blast. Not just anyone makes an ideal traveling companion, but she was fantastic. She even took care of me the day I got really sick. I wish I had taken a class with her because her students thought the world of her. I know everyone will agree that there will never be another like her!

Cynthia - July 10, 2024 at 07:33 PM

MD

“ I knew Ginger while we were under-graduates at Georgia State University many, many years ago. She was a very sweet person, and I am saddened to her passing. God bless.

Marc Conway DeLamater - July 10, 2024 at 07:22 PM

JR

“ She was the most beautiful kindhearted, sweetest person I've ever met, when ever I seen her regardless of what she was going through she always had a big smile on her face, love you my friend 💜💜💜💜💜

jenita Reaves - July 10, 2024 at 05:13 PM

MM

*Ginger, there's not enough words to describe what a beautiful person you are. Always willing to give a helping hand of kindness and finance in any situation . Ginger has a big heart of love for people, especially special needs individuals. You will be greatly missed 🙏💕*

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**Marcilla McCormick** - July 10, 2024 at 05:57 PM