



Ms. Carol Ann Ellis

September 28, 1956 - March 10, 2024

Carol Ellis, 67, went home to live with the Lord on March 10, 2024. She was surrounded by her family when she passed. She was a graduate of the University of South Alabama with a master's degree in History. She worked at The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library and served as its director from 2011 until her retirement in 2019. She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Ellis of Las Vegas, NV; two sisters, Mrs. Sharon McCullough (Johnny) of Mobile and Mrs. Diane Dimit (Ray) of Birmingham, AL.; her nieces Christina, Joanna, Gwen, Candace and Dawn; great-nieces Miranda, Madison, JacLynn, Rose, Lacey, Avery and Grace and a great-nephew Robert.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

Tribute Wall

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“ Carol Ellis left a magnificent legacy to the University of South Alabama, to Mobile, and to the Gulf Coast Region through her dedicated stewardship to guide significant expansion of the university's archival collections. Under Ms. Ellis' leadership the University of South Alabama secured numerous collections of local, regional, and national importance, including the McCall Papers, valued at \$3.1 million, for which the library was named in 2011. The library's photographic holdings grew to well over a million items during her tenure.

*Ms. Ellis oversaw renovations of the university's Marx Library South to allow the 2016 transfer of collections from the Spring Hill Avenue campus to the University of South Alabama campus. Some 25,000 rare books, one million photographs, including 11,000 glass plate negatives, and some 7,000 boxes of archival materials required four miles of packing tape and three miles of packing foam, as well as careful test runs of trucks loaded with window glass in an effort to locate the safest route from Midtown to the university campus. She delighted in recounting the statistics associated with the move, and in serving researchers, including students, faculty, the community, and key researchers. She was very proud to have worked with Ken Burns to identify more than fifty local images used in his documentary series *The War*.*

*E. Lorene Flanders
Executive Director of University Libraries
University of South Alabama
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Lorene Flanders - March 15, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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I know Carol loved her job. I didn't realize that Carol was involved with such impactful contributions to the archives.

Ray and Diane Dimit, Carol's sister and brother-in-law

Diane Dimit - March 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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“ I really enjoyed working under Carol she was was a great boss. I learned so much from her. I will miss her alot.

Kristina

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