

Caralene Mathis Lewis

Caralene Mathis Lewis was born in Bladen County, North Carolina on February 2, 1949. She attended Virginia Union University, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education in 1973 with additional studies at Federal City College, now The University of the District of Columbia, Virginia Western Community College and Hollins University.

Caralene worked at the Historic Gainsboro Library in Roanoke, Virginia for 36 ½ years. Active in community affairs, she has served on the boards of Blue Ridge Television, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Apple Ridge Farm. She also serves on the steering committee for Henry Street Festival and is a member of Beta Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., + NAACP

Caralene attends Sweet Union Baptist Church where she has been a long time director of holiday dramas and also teaches Sunday School. She has a passion for working with young people and has mentored hundreds of youngsters over the years.

She believes that her most valuable education came from her parents who nurtured and supported her. She exemplifies that early training by sharing it with others. Caralene is married to Peter Lewis and between them they have three sons, Cedric, Peter and John and six grandchildren.