

obituaries

Carole Stoneking, 1937–2016

Carole Stoneking was a former member of the OLOC Steering Committee and a board member for the South Carolina Council on Aging. At the 2009 OLOC Regional Gathering, in recognition of her leadership in OLOC and her promotion of issues of aging in the LGBT community, she was presented with the Order of the Pink Palmetto by the boards of the South Carolina Pride Movement and the Harriet Hancock Foundation.



Carole was born and raised in Michigan and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit. During her 27 years with the YWCA, she was Executive Director of affiliates in Jacksonville, Florida, and Columbia, South Carolina. She received the Outstanding Leadership Award for United Way Executives in 1988. She trained at the Ozark Life Center of Therapy Technology in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was the owner of the Stress Management Institute of Therapeutic Massage in Columbia for 23 years.

She had been Vice President of the Columbia Chapter of the National Organization for Women, a board member for the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild, and a delegate for the South Carolina Equality Coalition. She received a special Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 from Listen, Inc.