

In Loving Memory

Carolann Giles

A Collection of Tributes

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Georgina Delancy · Nassau, Bahamas

June 9, 2026

I was deeply shocked and greatly saddened when I learned of the passing of my colleague and friend Carolann Giles of the CTO. Carolann and I have known each other for a long time because we worked together across a great expanse of ocean on Tourism Statistics. Although she was in Barbados and I am in the Bahamas, the distance never seemed to matter.

We never met in person, but she would call me from time to time for the numbers for CTO and we would chat about the numbers and how everything was going for each of us. I always enjoyed talking to her on the phone — her kind heart always came through in her voice. Carolann was also one of my Facebook friends.

Carolann was a sweet, kind good natured person and this always came across in her phone calls or her emails.

CTO has lost a stellar employee. She will be greatly missed.

Georgina Delancy
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Romel Richmond · Demerara-Mahaica, Guyana

June 8, 2026

Carolann was a remarkable person — always patient, supportive, and genuinely kind. Her warmth and sincerity were evident in every interaction, and her presence left a lasting impression on all of us. Even through a phone call, her appreciation and positivity could be felt, as though her smile carried across the line.

Her passing is a profound loss for the region and for all who had the privilege of working alongside her. We will remember her not only for her professionalism but also for the humanity and grace she brought to her work.

May her family and the CTO community find strength and comfort in the cherished memories she leaves behind.

Lori-Rae · Anguilla

June 8, 2026

It is with a heavy heart that I read this email.

I so enjoyed hearing Carolann's voice and laughter on occasion as it reminded me of home. I will greatly miss her and her warmth.

To her colleagues and her family my sincere condolences. Please convey them to her family.

God bless.

Ricardo Smith · George Town, Cayman Islands

June 7, 2026

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Carolann Giles.

Carolann's many years of dedicated service to the Caribbean Tourism Organization, and the kindness, professionalism, and warmth she shared with partners across the region. Her quiet commitment and gracious spirit clearly touched many lives.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, colleagues, and the entire CTO family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories she leaves behind, and may she rest in eternal peace.

Zelinda · Toronto

June 7, 2026

I remember Carolann when she first came to CTO. I felt so much kindness and genuine concern emanating from her. It was a pleasure working alongside Carolann, she made my days at CTO sweeter. I hope to see her on that "Great getting up morning".

Gail Spinks · Courtice, Ontario*June 6, 2026*

Mike and I worked closely with Carolann at CTO. I had the pleasure to watch her transition smoothly with her grace and smile from a receptionist to our Statistical assistant where she worked closely with myself and Sean. After both Mike and I left CTO, she remained a close friend and confidant — she visited us in Canada. We always touched base when we reached Barbados. We loved her. We are saddened by her death but happy to know that her relationship with God was strong and it is not goodbye but see you later. Rest in Power dear sister, until we meet again.

Neil Walters*June 7, 2026*

When I joined CTO on February 1, 2000, Carolann was the first person who greeted me. A few months later, I found out that we shared the same birth date.

We became friends after this coincidence was discovered.

Carolann could brighten any situation and up to the day before her death when we exchanged messages, I said to her "I pray and hope you are comfortable" — her response was "I sure am".

Her inner strength and faith were amazing, especially in the face of serious issues. I truly admired her for that.

I am thankful that I have been able to count Carolann as a friend for 26 years. May she rest in eternal peace.

Hugh Riley*June 2, 2026*

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Carolann's passing. I know what a vital part of the team she was, not just in the Research Department but the entire Secretariat going back many years, even before the days of Baobab Tower. I will always remember her dedication, kindness and ready smile.

Losing a colleague is incredibly difficult, and I know that CTO has experienced this more than once before. Yet, the suddenness of Carolann's death is jolting. I can only imagine how much she will be missed around the office.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this tough time. My thoughts are with all of you and with Carolann's family.

With deepest sympathy,
Hugh Riley

Nicole Mapp · Fairburn, GA

June 2, 2026

My deepest condolences to Carolann's family and friends.

Winifred Harewood · Bridgetown

May 31, 2026

Rest in peace my sister. God did not give me biological sisters, but He gave me two cousins that mean the world to me and whom I love dearly. Carolann you are gone and it hurts; I just assumed we would continue to grow old together. You will always live on in my heart along with Ruby and Wilfred.

Love always, Winni.

Johnson John Rose

May 30, 2026

I'll share here a message that I sent to my former colleagues at the CTO.

"I'm still trying to process the absolute shock of hearing about Carolann. I simply can't believe it. I cannot begin to imagine how all of you feel.

Carolann was one of the loveliest souls I have ever had the privilege to call a colleague. She was warm, gracious, accommodating, and genuinely kind in every sense of the word. I honestly cannot recall her ever uttering a single word in anger. Instead, she was somewhat motherly with her infectious smile, gentle spirit, and calm presence.

When I last visited the office in February, I didn't see her. I did not know at the time that she was ill. On my previous visit late last year, we met and she greeted me with her all-too-familiar smile and warmth.

Please be assured that I mourn as you mourn and my heart aches alongside yours. The CTO has lost not just a colleague, but a truly beautiful human being.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with Carolann's family, friends, and the entire CTO family during this incredibly difficult time."

Yolande Lashley · New York

May 29, 2026

My deepest and sincere condolences to the friends, family and colleagues of Carolann. She was my class and play mate during our primary school days at the then Four Roads Primary School. I have been gone from Barbados for over 34 years but I was very saddened to hear of her passing; too young and gone too soon.

I hope that the joy, love and sunshine that she brought to everyone's world during her time continues to live on as she is remembered, and the memories of her bring comfort during this difficult time. She is now an angel to watch over her loved ones. May her beautiful soul rest and sleep peacefully.

Beulah B. · Brooklyn
May 28, 2026

Jesus has taken you into His arms. May He continue to strengthen and comfort families and friends. Sincere empathy. Heard of you but never met. Blessings!

Hyacinth Headley · Brooklyn, NY
May 27, 2026

My deepest condolences go out to the family — may her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Portia Fields · Brooklyn
May 27, 2026

To my schoolmate Carol... she was a beautiful soul... after reconnecting after so many years, the time just vanished like we were back at school... your death stopped me in my tracks on my way to work... I cried... you will be missed... continue sleeping my friend.

Christopher Grant · Bridgetown, Barbados
May 27, 2026

My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our beloved Carolann. May she Rest In Peace.

Andrea Medwinter · New Jersey
May 27, 2026

My deepest condolences go out to the grieving family and friends of Carolann.

My short time spent with her at CTO was very pleasant and I fell in love with her personality. We continued our friendship through social media conversations over the years, and I was truly saddened to hear the news of her passing.

She graced us with her warm smile, giggles and big heart. I pray for comfort for her family as she makes her way to rest in heavenly peace.

Raymond Lorde
May 27, 2026

Carolann's laugh filled a room. She was a joyous person whose warmth will be missed. Rest in Christ my friend.

Dr. Mareba M. Scott · Port of Spain

May 27, 2026

Condolences to Carolann's family. She was my dear colleague during my tenure at the CTO from 2005 to 2008. She had a warm and caring personality, and it was always a pleasure to interact with her.