

A Tribute to Karen Mariea Sibley

January 27, 1922 – August 3, 2014



On behalf of Georgia CASA and the entire statewide CASA network, we honor the memory of Mrs. Karen Mariea Norris Sibley of Atlanta, who passed away on August 3, 2014, at the age of 92. A great advocate for children, Mrs. Sibley was a founder of Georgia CASA and served as the first board chair. She was instrumental in bringing the CASA program to Georgia in 1988 and served on the board for many years. She most recently served as a Life Member on the Georgia CASA board. Much of Georgia CASA's success over the past 26 years would not have been achieved without her leadership and influence. By encouraging others to get involved, Mrs. Sibley ensured the success of CASA in Georgia.

Throughout her life, she was involved in child-serving organizations both state and nationwide. She was a member of the National Commission for Foster Care in the United States and a board member of the Child Welfare Society of America. She was also involved with Families First and the A.G. Rhodes Home in Atlanta.

Not only was Mrs. Sibley a champion for children and the elderly, she also used her passion to encourage others to serve in their communities. According to her granddaughter Karen Brown, "Granny believed and taught me, and she showed us, that for the world and for Atlanta to be successful it really takes everybody. It takes a village. It's not I or me, it's us. She had a great life full of family and love and support. She wanted to share that in hopes that everybody could have that feeling."

While Mrs. Sibley was very engaged with her community, she was devoted first to her husband, five children, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her obituary can be viewed at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=karen-sibley&pid=171976762&fhid=4905>.

We are so grateful for Mrs. Sibley's vision, passion and dedication to the safety, permanency and well-being of children, not only in Atlanta, but in Georgia and nationwide. She has left a lasting legacy for the CASA organization in Georgia that will never be forgotten.

Sources: Karen Sibley Obituary, www.legacy.com and "Karen Sibley, 92 had a heart and voice for children", *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

