

## Caryle Cammisa obituary



Caryle E. Cammisa, retired Foreign Service officer with U.S. Agency for International Development, died peacefully on October 24, 2023, in Tampa, Florida, at the age of 66, after fighting multiple myeloma for 17 years. Ms. Cammisa was born in Derby, Connecticut, on May 22, 1957. She earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from Temple University in 1980 and a master's degree in public policy from SUNY Albany in 1984.

She began her professional life as a social worker in Philadelphia before joining USAID in 2000. Ms. Cammisa served in Georgia, Romania, Bangladesh, Kenya, Yemen, Jordan, and Washington, D.C. During her more than 20 years as a Foreign Service Officer with USAID, she was a champion of the children's television show "Sesame Street" and persuaded the Children's Television Workshop to consider the potential of airing such a show in Bangladesh, which ultimately aired as Sisimpur in 2005.



In retirement, Ms. Cammisa lived in Tampa, where she was an active volunteer with the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club and was an instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Caryle's indomitable spirit and passion for defeating injustices left a lasting impact on all who knew her. Her heartwarming presence and enduring resilience will be remembered and cherished by her beloved daughter, Natalie. Caryle's influence and love continue on through Natalie and those who were lucky enough to have known her.

During her lifetime, Caryle displayed an unfaltering strength and conviction that will forever serve as an inspiration to all. She was able to see the world extensively and had unique life experiences that she shared with all her loved ones. We bid farewell to a passionate woman of the world, whose memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Ms. Cammisa is survived by her daughter, Natalie, mother Kathryn, siblings Kathee Cammisa, Joe Cammisa, and Laurie Green, three nieces and a nephew, and two grand nephews.