

Queen Elizabeth Miller Cole

Queen Elizabeth Miller Cole ascends the Carnival Memphis throne with esteem for this extraordinary organization and the people who have celebrated its traditions for 92 years. As the season unfolds, she is devoted to being a resilient leader as Carnival 2023 expands on past achievements to make a lasting impact on the future.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Jeffrey Cole, Elizabeth has just received her B.A. degree in Allied Health Studies with a Minor in Psychology from the University of Mississippi. Our Queen has received many honors and awards, including graduating Summa Cum Laude, membership in Phi Beta Kappa honors society, and earning a spot on the Chancellor's Honor Roll during her entire duration at Ole Miss. This fall, she will begin her next journey at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and expects to graduate in August 2024.

During her time at Ole Miss, Queen Elizabeth was an active member of the Chi Chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority, where she also served as Apparel Chair during her senior year. She has also been very active in raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In preparation for her degree and career, she has obtained several emergency response qualifications, including Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Certification and Narcan Training, as well as completing countless hours of physician shadowing. In the business sector, Queen Elizabeth gained work experience during her summer internship at a financial services startup where she participated in the company's commercial launch and became co-owner of the company's merchandising site.

Beyond Carnival Memphis, her interest in nonprofit organizations began at Hutchison School when in high school she was a founding member of the Salvation Army "GPS" Squad, where she also received the "Order of the Bell" and "Doing the Most Good" awards. During high school, Queen Elizabeth was a member of the Ascensus Society, National Honor Society, and Wilson Society.

Queen Elizabeth's Carnival legacy starts with her parents. Her father, Jeff, served as President in 2017 and Chairman of the Board in 2018, and her mother, Floy, has been a Board Member as well as the Queen's contact for several years and the founder and driving force behind the Carnival Junior Court. Queen Elizabeth was the King's Princess during the 2020-2021 Winter



The Cole Family: Floy, Jeff and Elizabeth

Celebration of Carnival Memphis. She also served on the Junior Court for 3 years and was one of the founding members in 2016. She was a Carnival Royal Page in 2009 as well as a Memphi Page in 2010. Queen Elizabeth had this to say, "I am incredibly thrilled and truly honored to be Queen of Carnival for 2023! Carnival's motto is 'Party with a Purpose,' but I truly believe that Carnival Memphis is a 'Party with a Purpose AND a Place for Everyone.' From the historic Grand Krewes, the Royal and Junior Court, and the Boll Weevils, to the Business and Industry leaders, I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand how important each of these roles are to ensure Carnival's success throughout the Mid-South, year after year! I have enjoyed working with the amazing children's charities selected for 2023, and I can't wait to see the impact Carnival has on these children and their families as Carnival Week draws closer! I can't wait to join you all as we celebrate and serve our amazing city!"