

Regina Payne is a native of Gilmer County where she attended Gilmer County High School and later went on to receive a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia. Regina went on to become a teacher in Pickens County where she taught kindergarten and first grade for 28 years and has now retired from this profession. Her love for children and helping them to grow and learn made for a very rewarding profession she greatly enjoyed. She was very involved in the community where she taught and enjoyed giving and helping the children and families in the community as the PTO president for numerous years, team mom director, and children's church coordinator at First Baptist Church of Jasper. Regina has a son, Cameron Klaric, who is now 20 years old and also lives in Ellijay.

Regina has now retired from teaching and is a realtor at RE/MAX Town and Country in Ellijay, GA and is a member of the Gilmer Chamber of Commerce. Having come from many generations of families who lived in Ellijay, she has a great appreciation for the area. She gets great joy out of helping clients find that perfect new home or land they have always dreamed of and to get them situated in a place where they will make memories for years to come. She knows this area as more than just a place to live, but also a place where there is a special community that cares for one another and supports each other. It is a place where families and friendships can grow and a place where people can feel safe, while enjoying the beauty the mountains have to offer.

Regina has a special place in her heart for hospice and what they do for those special people who have come to the last days of their life. She has had two grandmothers who have had hospice care and is thankful for the care they received during the last days of their life. She feels it is such a special and important service that our loved ones are offered to help make those last days a little easier for them as well as for their families and to help them spend their last days in the comfort of their own homes. She hopes that the money raised will help hospice continue to give excellent care to their patients in the future.