

Bridgette Marshall, wife of Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, dies

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Bridgette Marshall, the wife of Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, died Sunday morning.

The AG's office released a statement shortly after noon Sunday, stating Bridgette passed away after a "long struggle with mental illness."

"Bridgette was a devoted and much beloved daughter, wife and mother," the statement read. "We ask that the people of Alabama keep the Marshall family in their prayers during this most difficult period."

The couple have one daughter, Faith, who is a student at Jacksonville State University.

Gov. Kay Ivey said Sunday she'd spoken with Marshall to offer her condolences and support.

"This morning, I was incredibly saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Bridgette Marshall," Ivey said in a statement. "Bridgette was the loving wife of Attorney General Steve Marshall and the caring mother of their daughter Faith. A mother is the backbone to a family and especially important to her daughter. I pray that Steve and Faith are comforted in this extremely difficult time. It is never easy to lose a loved one and certainly not as suddenly as this."

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Steve Marshall takes the oath of office becoming the Alabama Attorney General as his wife, Bridgette Marshall, holds the bible on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 in Montgomery, Ala. (Photo: Albert Cesare / Advertiser)

Former Alabama Attorney General and current candidate Troy King announced Sunday he has paused his campaign and all campaign advertising for a "period of mourning." The two are slated for a July 17 runoff election for the Republican nomination.

"Today we are not in different political campaigns or camps," King said in a statement. "We are husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. We cannot imagine the deep sense of loss and grief the Marshall family must face. We offer our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers for Attorney General Steve Marshall and his family and pray that God's grace and peace and hope will enfold and sustain them."

Steve Marshall was appointed to the Attorney General's office in February 2017, tapped by then-Gov. Robert Bentley to fill Luther Strange's position after Strange moved to the U.S. Senate. Marshall had previously served as Marshall County District Attorney for 16 years.

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