

# Our State<sup>®</sup>

DOWN  
HOME  
IN

NORTH CAROLINA

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*"Cake is the backyard  
swing set to the  
demure patio of pie."*



*"Pie will make you stand  
and salute. Cake will  
make you sit and admire."*

*which side are you on?*

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A CAROLINA BASKETBALL LEGEND TAKES US  
THROUGH THE N.C. SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Ten years ago, Karla Comer had a career in marketing and public relations in Greensboro, but her heart made its home in the kitchen. In 2006, Comer set out on her own and established a made-to-order bakery. Today, Clara Marie's Authentic Southern Bakery serves the sweet taste of dreams coming true — hers and ours. To order one of her custom cakes, visit [claramaries.com](http://claramaries.com) or call (336) 392-6612. (Left to right: vanilla pound cake, apple pie, red velvet cake, and lemon meringue pie.)

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