



## Carolyn A. Bartlett

December 20, 2005

Carolyn Bartlett age 44 of Canton, December 20, 2005. Beloved wife of Mark. Dear mother of Benjamin L. (Samantha); Bethany M.; Peter E.; and David R. Dear daughter of Victor and Shirley Panter of Lambeth, Ontario, Canada. Dear sister of Sandra Jarvis; Beverly Bernard; and Wendy Graham; as well as many nieces and nephews. Carolyn Ann Panter was born October 4, 1961 to Victor and Shirley Panter in Simcoe, Ontario. Many of her childhood memories were, "on the farm," where she lived with her three sisters Sandra, Beverly and Wendi just outside of London, Ontario. Carolyn's life was centered on and devoted to Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Her relationship with Him began at nine when she asked God to forgive her sin and be her Savior at Simcoe Gospel Chapel. Her most vivid memory of that decision was the singing of the hymn "Just As I Am," and being struck that she could be loved and accepted by a holy God. At age 16 Carolyn met Mark Bartlett on a mission trip in Edmonton, Alberta and the two of them were wed June 6, 1981, just before Carolyn's twentieth birthday. God gifted Carolyn and Mark four incredible children - Benjamin on July 18, 1982, Bethany on June 12, 1985, Peter on September 4, 1987 and David on July 8, 1990. Nothing gave greater joy to Carolyn than the experience of seeing each of her children come to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and to see them begin the process of growing in their faith walk with God. This foursome was later expanded to six: First by Michele Choukmaev, an exchange student who trusted Christ while living with the Bartlett's and remains close in their hearts, and then again when Ben

married Samantha Quan, a loving person who has fit right in with the family. Lake Pointe Bible Church was Carolyn's home church. She served by starting AWANA, ministering in the youth group, and involving herself in Bible studies and many other activities. However, the activities were never her focus. Carolyn cared deeply for the people at Lake Pointe and considered them family in every sense of the word. Carolyn loved camp. As a child she enjoyed Forest Cliff Camp. Nothing compared, though, to the fulfillment she experienced serving as a counselor at Upper Peninsula Bible Camp. She devoted much of her life to helping young people sort through the difficulties of growing into adulthood, and never passed on an opportunity to encourage them to grow in their faith.

Carolyn was a world traveler, but not in the sense most people would understand that phrase. She was never one for vacationing, but preferred instead to go on family mission trips where she could serve others and share the good news of Jesus. In that pursuit she went to Venezuela, Mexico, New Mexico, South Carolina, Alaska twice, and the Ukraine three times. Carolyn was also committed to helping serve at Michigan Theological Seminary. While she liked to volunteer with just about anything, she was the chairwoman of the Women in the Word conference sponsored by the seminary. She often was amazed that God could use a simple farm girl from Canada in a seminary. In October of 2004 Carolyn was diagnosed with Cholangio carcinoma, a cancer affecting the bile duct and liver part of the abdomen. She survived a seven hour surgery that November, followed by six weeks of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Despite these treatments, Carolyn's cancer returned last October. Though by many standards Carolyn's life was short, by her standards it was filled with the blessings of a merciful, sovereign and loving God. Her testimony throughout the years she endured cancer was, "It is well with my soul."

Visitation will be held Thursday 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Her body will lie in state Friday from 12 Noon until the 1:00 PM funeral service at Risen

Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (at McClumpha) Plymouth, with Pastor Dean Johnson of Lake Pointe Bible Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixboro, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, c/o 48095 Powell Road, Plymouth MI 48170. To leave a message of condolence, click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn A. Bartlett

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I am one of the acquaintances of Carolyn's childhood days in Lambeth. My mother lives next door to Vic and Shirley and Carolyn and I used to get together for piano lessons. It saddens me to see that someone who was contributing so much to the world around her should be taken away so soon.  
My sympathies to you all as you attempt to adjust to the times ahead.

Donna Mayo - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ Mark and Family, I am truly sorry for your loss and want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I always realized that Carolyn was a wonderful person, but after having read the obituary, I now realize she was a truly amazing person and will be terribly missed by all.

Michele Abrams (Parus) - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ mark,ben,david, peter,Bethany: O que nos conforta ? que um dia estaremos todos juntos e tambem ter a certeza de que caroline cumpru seu papel de pescar pessoas,nossa Michele conheceu Jesus com voces e por meio dela o rebanho de ovelhas esta crescendo aqui no Brasil!Que voces possam superar a separa??o com animo e com a certeza de que ELE estara tomando conta de tudo! Com muito carinho Neyde

neyde choukmaev - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MC

“ *My Dear Family,*

*As Carlolyn said herself: It is well with my soul. And I say the same thing, though I add: but my heart is broken...*

*May the Lord confort your hearts as He is doing in mine :)*

*She is going to be in my heart for ever... Her testemony, smiles, laughter, hugs, words of encouragement, goodness, patience and love, I will carry with me!!!*

*What a wonderful mommy and friend!!!*

*And I know that she can say today: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ?2 Timothy 4:7*

*I love you all very much!!! God bless you and be really close to you, supporting in all your needs during this time!*

*Your Brazilian daughter and sister,*

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**Michele Choukmaev** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

HC

“ *Dear Mark and family:*

*Last evening, Ruth and I learned of the home call of Carolyn.*

*Though we've not got to know you personally, we have heard about and seen the dedication of Carolyn and your family to our Lord. We know He will uphold you during this time of bereavement and we will continue to pray for all of you.*

*In His love,*

*Herb and Ruth Cocking*

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**Herb and Ruth Cocking** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JR

“ I am going to miss you AC I love you so much, uncle mark and family my prayers are with you

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**Josh Rafeiro** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ Dear Mark and Kids,

*We write this with a heavy heart, having just learned that Carolyn's battle is over. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*A flood of wonderful memories fills our mind as we think about Carolyn. She was always an incredible counselor at Varsity Camp--the best!!! Her loving ways (she cared so much for the campers!), infectious laugh, and beautiful smile lit up all of V-Camp. But, even more important, the beauty of her spirit--yielded and conformed to Jesus--is something we will never forget.*

*We count it a true privilege to have known this special woman for the time God gave us. May His comfort and compassion continue to fill your every hour.*

*In Jesus' Love,*

*Tom & Lynn Felten Prov. 3:5-6*

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**Tom & Lynn Felten** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DR

“ We are so sorry for your loss of a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend. Carolyn was my cousin and even thought we did not get to see each other very often in recent years, I loved her dearly and will miss her very much. May God bless you and be with you all during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing Carolyn is with her Father in heaven. We send our love and prayers.  
Donna, Richard, Samantha and Ryan

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**Donna Fritze (Lockwood), Richard, Samantha and Ryan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ Dear Bartlett Family,

*Though we cannot be with you today and celebrate your dear one's life and say goodbye, we are in prayer that the Great Comforter will be everthing you need Him to be in this gripping hour. Christ came in this season to bring a peace that passes all understanding. We pray that you will not only know this peace, but the great Hope that Christ also brought by coming and offering reconciliation with God our maker.*

*God Bless you in this very hour, and in the days of adjustment that lie ahead. You will continue to be in our prayers.*

*Pete, Becky, Laura and Max Murthum  
University Baptist Church*

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**The Murthum Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RB

“ Dear Mark and family,  
It was with heavy a heart I received the news of Carolyn's death. I will cherish the time I had with Carolyn as we travelled through Turkey and Greece together. What a great time we had getting reacquainted and laughing, crying and sharing with each other. I know God will be a strength and comfort to you and your family. I will continue to hold you up in prayer.

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**Ruth Belch** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DL

“ I just want to send my deepest condolences to the family of Carolyn Bartlett. I grew up with your mom in Simcoe, and around the family farm in Lambeth Ont. Carolyn was my cousin and I (as my sisters do) have fond memories of spending time together when we were kids. I remember even at a very young age how much Carolyn loved the Lord. Although we didn't see each other very much once she was married and had children,  
I will always cherish those times we did spend together growing up. I also have been blessed with 4 wonderful boys, and hope that I can give them the knowledge of having Jesus Christ in their life and how important that is, as I suspect that Carolyn did for her family. I also send my condolences to my Aunt Shirley and Uncle Vic. I can't imagine what you are going through. I (as my sisters are ) totally distraught about what has happened and want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you every day as you deal with this great loss in your lives. I'm so thankful that you have the support of your church and your faith to get you through this most difficult time.  
Love and prayers;  
Deborah McLeod (Lockwood) and family.

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**Deborah McLeod (nee Lockwood)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SC

“ Carolyn was an inspiration to many people. Completely devoted to her faith, a devoted mother, a loving wife and a very caring person. Last Christmas when we saw Carolyn for the first time since her diagnosis she was full of life and optimism. At Ben's wedding this summer Carolyn was laughing and giggling and yes, even dancing! What a blessing it was for her to see Ben and Samantha married! Carolyn made her goals of travelling to Barbados and attending the family Christmas party just last week against all odds. This is how we will remember her.

*In our household we will continue to tell people about an amazing woman with incredible devotion, courage and determination. Carolyn's story will be re-told again and again for years in our household as a way to continue her ministry.*

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**Shelley, Bruce, Ryan, Mitchell, Megan Catoen** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Bartlett family. she lived her life and showed His Light to everyone she met.

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**Donna Segerlind** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

PF

“ Mark and all the family. Our prayers are constant on your behalf. May the God of all comfort overflow your lives with His provision. We have the fondest memories of Carolyn on our tour of Turkey and Greece. Paul and Dorothy

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**Paul Fletcher** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CK

“ *Mark: My wife and I wish to express our sympathy with the loss of your wife, Carolyn. We first met her at a Christmas party which was held at your home. Here again is another Christmas holiday and she is at peace with Jesus Christ. Our condolences are with you and your family.*

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**Charlene and Leo Kay** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JW

“ *May God Bless you during your time of loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Juanita Woods** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ *Our love & prayers are with you at this time. May you know the Lord's comfort & strength at this time.  
Norman & Nancy Clements, Don & Jan Clements, Larry & Joanne Clements, David & Leesa Knight & families*

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**The Clements families** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

KP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this difficult time may God continue to give you and yours grace and comfort.*

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**Kathrene Miller/Accts Payable** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

AF

“ Mark,

*As I think about when I first met Carolyn, I'm reminded of a beautiful person who was very humble and kind*

*She embraced me with a hug and I felt like she was a friend of mine*

*She was genuine, she was real and this is how she made you feel*

*It was around Christmas time when we first met and now it's Christmas time again and yet*

*I still feel her sweet presence all around  
Keep your head up for she's in higher ground*

*May God give you strength and shower you with his love*

*Carolyn is in a wonderful place, she's up above*

*Audrey*

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**Audrey Fomby** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JC

“ Dear Mark, Ben, Bethany, Peter and David

*We send our condolences and our prayers for you as we will all miss the warm spirit and joyful smile of one of God's most beautiful creations. May you be comforted with the Peace that only our Savior can bring.*

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**James and Keely Costello** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MB

“ *I hope the peace of this Holy Season will be in your hearts, full of the confidence that your dear Carolyn is celebrating Jesus' birthday with Him this year. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Mary Balaythy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TS

“ *Dear Ben, Bethany, and family,*

*Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. It is never easy losing a parent, but it is comforting knowing you will see her again. She is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior which is wonderful for her.*

*In His Name,*

*TJ, Sarah and Matt Segerlind*

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**The Segerlinds** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CS

“ *Dear Bartlett Family,*  
*Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of such a dear life.*  
*I will keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Cathy Sinning** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MW

“ Dear Mark and Family,  
Words are inadequate at such a time as this, but I do send my most heartfelt sympathy for you. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers and will remain so. May God Bless you with the gift of peace and healing during this most difficult of life's challenges.  
Sincerely, Marcy

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**Marcy Rabaut- Whitmer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MO

“ Mark, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. I hope you can find some comfort to know she is now at peace and hope you find support from family and friends to get you through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Marilyn Ogg** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DH

“ Mark,  
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God bless you and keep you during this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,  
D'Anna Hosey

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**D'Anna Hosey** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

ES

“ May our Lord and Savior comfort you and your family during your time of sorrow.

*Erima*

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**Erima Saxton** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RE

“ DEAR MARK,BEN,BETHANY,PETER AND DAVID. WE SEND OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO EACH OF YOU.  
CAROLYN HAS TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF SO MANY AND WE FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HER AND YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY.WHAT A TESTIMONY TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
LOVE FROM YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN CHRIST  
RON & PAM

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**RON & PAM EMERY** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

GR

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mark, the children and to Carolyn's friends and family. My prayers are with you all.  
Gail

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**Gail Ross** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ Dear Mark, Ben(Samantha), Bethany,Peter and David,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I loved your Wife and Mom very much and she was such a blessing in my life. I am positive that our heavenly Father welcomed her home with arms wide open and said, "Well done my good and faithful servant." At the same time I'm sure that he assured her that He (personally) would take care of all of you, and help you through this difficult time.  
Please be assured that we are supporting you with our prayers, many times a day.  
Love,  
Marie Macauley

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**Marie, Sherri & Kristen Macauley** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Carolyn from the Bible Study she attended at Calvary Baptist Church. She wanted to finish her life well, and I am sure she did. She was an inspiration to all of us in the group. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May you be comforted by the fact that the Lord is now lovingly caring for your dear Carolyn.

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**Lauren Poulos** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DL

“ We send our condolences and pray for your family at this time. We knew Carolyn through family and Bible study.

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**Dawn and Trudy LaBenne** - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM