



Marilyn Louise Bartlett Brady

January 23, 2024

MARILYN LOUISE BARTLETT BRADY passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the age of 78, surrounded by the love of her family and in the presence of her Lord.

Marilyn was many things to many people. Dutiful daughter to Bernard and Bettie Bartlett, loving sister to Doug (Annalee,) devoted wife to Dwight, proud mother to Heather (Marshall Posner) and Robyn (Mike Regnier,) and adoring Grammie to Julian, Daniel, and Molly.

Hers was a life well lived. Marilyn grew up in Fredericton, where she earned her Bachelor of Science from UNB before being whisked off to Ontario with her new husband. There they lived in Ottawa and London before putting down roots in Toronto. She kept busy raising her girls while working as a lab technician at Centennial College, moving up the ranks to Professor of Microbiology. She became a world traveller, going on adventures with the family, the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church choir, and alongside her beloved Dwight.

Marilyn loved nothing more than to be surrounded by family, especially when they could breathe the sea air in St Andrews, NB. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she soaked up every moment she could spend with them. After retirement, Marilyn filled her days with knitting, having tea with friends,

playing Rummy-O and Scrabble, and watching her favourite shows, especially Big Bang Theory and Hudson & Rex, no matter how many times she'd seen each episode.

Marilyn will be fondly remembered by her dozens of cousins and extended family, many close friends, colleagues from Centennial College, YPBC choir members, and all who knew and loved her.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to the network of friends and family who supported Marilyn throughout her cancer journey, including drives to and from appointments, those who cared for her after chemo, kept her company while in palliative care, and brought flowers, gifts, and Cheezies (and many other delicious treats!) Many thanks to Dr. Covens and the oncology team at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and Dr. Selby and the amazing staff in the Palliative Care Unit.

Donations to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Foundation or the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy would be appreciated.

<https://donate.sunnybrook.ca/palliativecare>

<https://www.wildlifeconservancy.ca/donate>

Cremation has taken place. At Marilyn's request, a joint memorial with Dwight will be held at a later date to celebrate their lives together.

Autumn in The Fields Of Language

Without wind the yellow leaves
hang slack. Maple, elm, and oak

lift torches to the blue of heaven.
A scarlet burning bush ignites the air.

Evergreens comfort the eye,
relief from all that fire and gold.

When my last warm season's done
and time's come to leave this world

of words, bright fields of language
where I play and sing, let flame

in me some final brilliant work
like autumn leaves in changing light.

May I rejoice in having had my say.

—Jeanne Lohmann

Tribute Wall

GM

“ I am Gerry McPhee (Kolding) of Fredericton. I first knew Marilyn from Daily Vacation Bible School. This was held jointly by Brunswick Street and George Street United Baptist Churches. My family attended George. Later we were in Fredericton High School together. Marilyn was always a lovely person. It was a pleasure to reconnect at our FHS reunion. Thanks to Facebook we have kept in touch. I am so sorry for all her health issues. She was so very strong through it all.
Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss.

Geraldine McPhee - February 28, 2024 at 01:22 PM

RM

“ I'm Rob Macrae. I met Marilyn at Centennial College in 1990 when I was hired as a green-behind-the-ears, sessional instructor for the new Environmental Technology program. Marilyn was a colleague who quickly became a mentor and a friend. When we co-taught a course, I learned much from Marilyn: practical teaching skills, effective instructional methods, classroom expectations, preparation, organization, evaluation, and lab skills. I was impressed by how Marilyn took the time to learn every student by name, to learn their backgrounds, their aspirations, their limitations, and to listen to their stories. She worked unstintingly to help students achieve their goals. Throughout my career, I've strived to meet Marilyn's high standards. As different situation arose, I would ask myself, "What would Marilyn do?. Marilyn's generous sharing of her expertise was filled with encouragement, personal anecdotes, and snippets of self-deprecating humour. Truly, Marilyn was an outstanding educator. As I read through the memories, it became evident to me that she was outstanding, not just as an educator, but in all that she endeavoured. She was devoted to her church, Yorkminster Park and its choir, she loved the Toronto Zoo, was proud of her New Brunswick heritage (she taught me how a rook deck differs from a regular deck of cards). It doesn't surprise me that she was an owler and a knitter, but above everything, Marilyn loved her family, Dwight and her daughters, Heather and Robyn. Her limitless joy in her family was apparent within minutes of conversing with her. To her family, which has grown since I knew Marilyn, but each addition must have brought to her more joy, please accept my sincere condolences. I'm grateful that Marilyn's warmth and kindness touched my life for the year that I knew her. I'm as certain that as apples fall from apple trees, Marilyn's love will live on with you and your families.

Robert Macrae - February 16, 2024 at 03:01 PM

JB

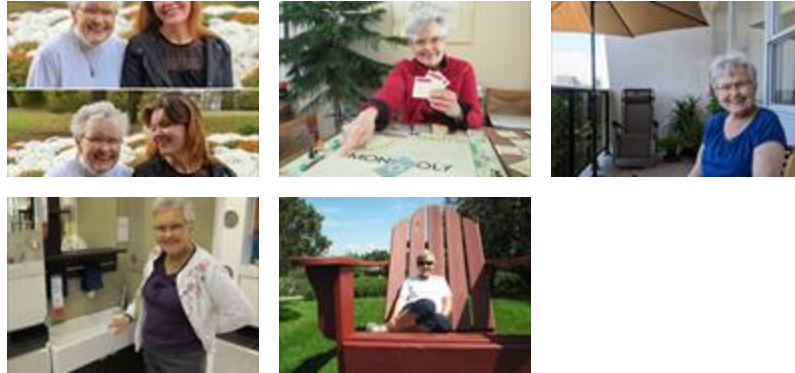
“ A couple of other photos taken by my dad Ron Booker at Aunt May's home on Massey Street in Fredericton many years ago.



John Booker - February 02, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Just a few pics from my collection. Miss her so much.



Heather Brady - February 02, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JD

“Marilyn was a most amazing person. She was a close friend of my late sister, Tracey Dean. She was always willing to look after Tracey's cats. She gave shots to Rugby and pulled up a chair for Mango to join the knitting group. I know she enjoyed her times helping at the Huntsman. She was always there as a friend and was a source of inspiration even to people she did not know as well. I admired her resilience and love of Dwight. Attached is one of my favourite pictures of my sister and Marilyn going owling which they did a lot.



Joanne Dewey - February 01, 2024 at 08:16 PM

JB

“My dad and mom, Ron and Lois Booker thought the world of Marilyn. Being the oldest Bartlett niece she was very special to them. Visits and outings with Marilyn were frequent over the years. Here are a few photos.



John Booker - January 31, 2024 at 09:37 PM

AO

“ I am Anne Osborn and met Marilyn in the choir at Yorkminster. She became a wonderful friend and we kept in contact after I returned to the U.K. in 1991. She was the loveliest human being and so proud of her family. She was very bright and interesting. I last saw her in 2022 when I came to Canada especially to see 3 people who weren't well. We e-mailed until the last few weeks of her life. I am privileged to have met such a lovely selfless person who never ever complained about her dreadful illness.

Anne Osborn - January 31, 2024 at 11:59 AM

CZ

“ I am Connie Zehr, a professor at Centennial College. It was my privilege to work with and learn from Marilyn for a number of years. She taught me so much about teaching excellence ! She expected high quality work from her students but was always ready to offer assistance and encouragement to them. She loved to talk about her native province and the marine biology of St. Andrews. She gave me package of dulce that I will cherish as a memory of a fine professor who was also a warm, patient and generous woman. My sincere condolences to her family .

Connie Zehr - January 28, 2024 at 05:14 PM

DS

“ I am Debbie Steeves (married to George Steeves), son of Frances Bartlett/Steeves. While George & I were on a visit to Moncton a few years back, cousins Chris & Marilyn made a day trip from St Andrew's to see Aunt Frances! Nearing Moncton they encountered a small Blip with something in the Engine of their vehicle and George rushed off to rescue them! Lots of laughs about it! I don't remember the fine details but someone fixed it within a few hours! A super afternoon visit was had and especially enjoyed by Mom Steeves ! Lots of laughter tears were had, and fabulous memories shared by the ladies! There wer some Sweets & Tea involved too! This was my first time meeting Marilyn, I really enjoyed talking with her! We were fb friends, I loved seeing her knitting projects! Very talented! I could see her spirit and love of life and family! Rest in peace Marilyn. 🌸



Debbie Steeves - January 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

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Linda and Morry Posner - January 26, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LP

“ It was an honour to have known Marilyn. I always admired her .She was a very kind and loving woman who faced all her challenges with bravery and dignity. She was a wonderful mother to her two daughters and to her son in laws and a great grandmother to her 3 grandchildren. We always enjoyed our visits with her and with Dwight. and No I never did eat those fiddleheads

Linda and Morry Posner - January 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DO

“ My husband Wayne was a resident in the same Long Term Care as Dwight and that is where I met Marilyn. She was always a ray of smiling sunshine, greeting everyone and a most devoted wife to Dwight. I admired and greatly respected her for the strength she displayed and positive attitude she showed through all her challenges. Dear Marilyn rest in peace and Thank You for how you supported all of us!

Donna - January 26, 2024 at 05:27 PM

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Mark Bartlett - January 25, 2024 at 07:47 PM

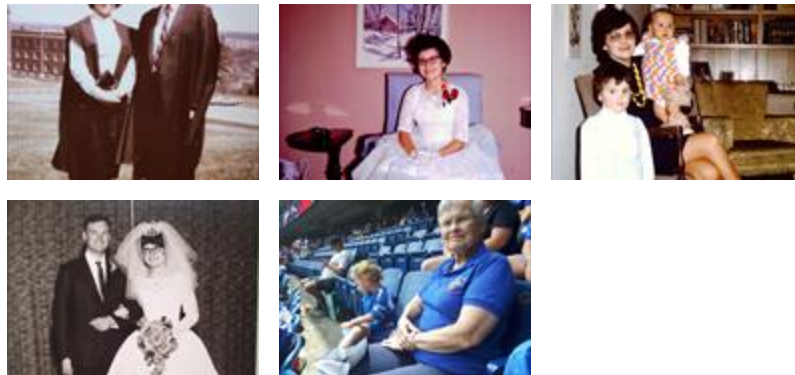
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“ We were cousins who lived beside each other for several years before, as life so often does, separated and disconnected us. We reconnected in the last few years, and I so enjoyed Marilyn's emails and conversations. I feel so bad we could not organize a visit; distance stood in the way. We attended 'bible camp' in Fredericton at the Brunswick Street Baptist church. She was a friend, kind, and kept an eye out for me. The second half of Marilyn's life was quite challenging, but she was stoic and at peace as best she could during those times. Always thinking about others, concerned about others and not herself. I see her as one of the most selfless individuals I have known. Rest in Peace, my dear Cousin, Marilyn.
Cousin Tom

Tom Ferris - January 25, 2024 at 04:13 PM

RB

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Robyn Brady - January 25, 2024 at 03:45 PM