



Christine E. Lanyon, 74, passed away after a brief battle with an aggressive cranial tumor on November 6, 2023, with her family at her side. Born on January 20, 1949, Christine's legacy outlives her life. Her queenly cards ministry showcased her generous heart and genuine concern for others. She attended Tennessee Temple University and went on to serve as a missionary teaching 2nd grade for 12 years at Nassau Christian Academy in the Bahamas. She then served for 3 years as a missionary under a pastor in Providenciales. In 1988, she married C. Patrick Lanyon and served at Truth Baptist Church for 36 years, faithfully teaching and loving her 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class. Christine was a virtuous woman in every aspect of her life, and her lasting and irreplaceable influence will remain a part of her family's home until Jesus comes for His bride!

Christine is survived by her devoted husband C. Patrick and her cherished sons David Edwin and Joseph Patrick. She is also survived by her sister Mary (Wise) Davis, nephew Arthur Davis, Jr., niece Debra Ames, nephews Darien and Johnathan Davis, nephew Nathan Ames, niece Kathleen (Davis) Barteck, cousins Fred Nassif and Barbara Gale (Nassif) Smith, and nephews Michael and Joseph Barteck Jr. She is predeceased by her father and mother Cecil and Mary Wise, brother-in-law Arthur Davis, sister Victoria Wise, and niece Jennifer Lynn Davis. Christine also leaves behind all her brothers and sisters in Christ at Truth Baptist Church and beyond whom she loved dearly.

====A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at Truth Baptist Church on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 10:30 AM followed by a luncheon in the gymnasium.

{The service should be available live at www.truthbaptistchurch.com}

====In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Mansfield Baptist Temple in Ohio, designated towards the ministry of Christine's sister, Mary Davis, in evangelism in Haiti. Donations can be made online at MBT.org or sent by mail to Mansfield Baptist Temple, 752 North Stewart Road, Mansfield, OH 44905.

Eulogy

Good morning everyone, and welcome! We've all come to honor a person so worthy of respect I am humbled, as her husband of 35 years now, to eulogize one whose 74 and three quarters years of her life has, as I've said, so lived "BIGGER THAN LIFE ITSELF!" This morning I present to you Christine Eva Wise Lanyon:

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"Christine" — Chris loved her name because it is Christ Jesus' name. He has defined life for her early on because her heart was tender toward Him, as she said: *"When I was in third grade, I was burdened about missions. I felt it was very wrong for people in other lands to worship other gods. I believe God wanted me to be a missionary."* She later rejected missionary work for her life while in high school and focusing on home economics, but after some pretty frustrating months in a nursing school hoping to 'catch a young man' and marry to have a family as most young girls that age and seeing road blocks to that pathway, she heard about *Tennessee Temple Schools* and decided to enroll where she was made to understand salvation and was gloriously saved there under the ministry of Dr. Lee Roberson.

"Eva" was her middle name but she despised being called that. Typically comments like this almost never came out of Christine's mouth, but it was pretty clear she disapproved of Eve's choice to disobey God's clear command about that tree of knowledge to her helpmeet: you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. Eve, in a perfect garden with an easy life and job of just being fruitful, multiplying and replenishing, she heeded bad advise and plunged the whole family she was given into some pretty horrible consequences.

"Wise" was her maiden name, and like natural tendencies to abide by your name, she **embraced** wisdom in her life. And I think we can all agree she became a 'sage' [One venerated for experience, judgment, and wisdom.] in that world. I've been humored with that thought often in my 'choice' for a wife, and I heartily agree I did make THE wise choice!

"Lanyon" is her married name, and my family name of English origin, but I take liberty here to colloquial-ize it into *Landed*, she ended up with me in Connecticut, a land neither of us envisioned at our life's start, but have basked in the spiritual fertile soil of what was once the American "Great Awakening!"

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A North Central OH homestead.

Christine grew up in a Railroad-lines-crossing called Attica Junction in North Central Ohio. She had two beautiful sisters and she made the middle of a sandwich of the three. Though her father was harsh he was a stable and frugal Railroad man and provider who later repented after lymphatic cancer attacked him. I never got to know him. But her mother, Mary Wise, was a gracious and kind hearted woman of grace, and we all grew to love her immensely upon meeting her here in CT.

Chattanooga Her New School Sojourn.

Christine had won honors in a homemaker competition and became an excellent candidate for

homemaking queen, but that was put on a back burner as she face God first steps for her life. At Tennessee Temple she found Christ as her Savior and entered into a family of spiritual support unknown before. Her magnetizing heart captured students, women especially, and teachers. She earned an Associates degree in teaching but a renewed intense missions urge to return to her chosen foreign field Ghana beckoned strongly! At school she learned of BIMI, a Baptist missions organization there in Chattanooga where she could get a path toward her missionary vision to become real, but it was just not Africa.

A Bahamian school needing a 2nd grade teacher was the only BIMI option allowed. Once arriving however love flooded her heart for not only the students but the people of British West Indies.

Nassau Christian Academy, with high standards, expected her to raise her degree to a Bachelor's so she returned summers at Temple to do that very thing.

Provo Bible Church and Interim Ladies' Ministry.

In the fall of 1985, and after attaining that degree she had been convicted to help a conference pastor pleading for help in Providenciales, and she finally surrendered.

Now in the earlier 1980s one of the young men she had met was myself in 1983 when I had graduated. I had first seen her 2 weeks following July 20th in 1977 when I had surrendered to a missions call.

Life in Provo for her was a challenge but she always found grace from God to be the humble servant to women and missionary life. The 4s and 5s nursery school ministry at Provo Bible Church was begun and it seemed to prosper, but in 1988 a youth pastor needed the only apartment available, so Christine had to change course again. At this time I had been in correspondence with her but she, being a third world missionary, I never considered her choosing to leave what she might think was a foreign field as a missionary to come back to the US for homemaking with me.

But God had other plans, including a grand reward for her sacrificing child-rearing years of life determined to only begin homemaking with His approval.

Thus began a series of fives for Christine: 5 months phone familiarizing with yours truly, a visit to TBC for 5 weeks, which then culminated in no less than 5 receptions, all this preceded by 5 years of letter correspondence-support reporting newsletters with her added personal comments.

In August, 1983, she was also given a 15 page outline exposition of Matthew 6 which I had organized while in study my years there in Seminary and typed up in 1980 when assisting TBC's original service on June 29.

With all this in play we began the now 35 years of the "Connecticut Lanyon Family."

After another "5 week" segment beginning October this year Christine's life legacy was clearly magnified as larger than life when it was ended November 6.

Your Remembrances of Her Previewed

Here are the few notes I conclude as manifesting her glorious days and ways with her that I expect you all to expand greatly:

Lessons of Christine

1*. A Life Enviably to Have Lived! The Reward for patience and cumulative prayers answered! She has taught us there is a great value in placing selfish desires at the bottom pile of expectations and yielding to God first and faithfully following through even though very hard paths she followed.

2**. A Genuine Love of People! Her systematic genuine connection to people that lasted a lifetime was proven with humble, simple, and faithful greeting cards that follow you wherever you go, and included the family you began.

3*. A Sober and Determined Redeemer of Time. Life for her was a "SO... SO... SO..." deliberate pressing on embracing making time ALWAYS count, almost to a fault. (Psa 90:12 **So** teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.)

4*. A Guarded Family Life and Relationship. Staunchly refusing male hugs except from her husband, she purely loved her husband and maintained loyalty to her children.

5*. Sowing Love Into Children's Hearts. Students developed a love for her that lasts a lifetime through Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, and all other church activities.

6*. Giving as a Transfer-Station. People knew they could clean out their closets and homes of all kinds of things. Their 'no longer wanted' things they knew she would find another home for them!

In closing my eulogy, I'll probably never get over a big hole that happened in our earthly family earlier last month, but gratefully I'll allow you to re-read all of this passage on "the Virtuous woman" after I close with "MY" husband's perspective on

Prov 31

[10] Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

[11] The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

[12] She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

[23] Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

[28] Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

[29] "Many daughters have done well, But you TRULY!!! excel them all."

[30] Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

[31] Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

==== I PRAISE THE LIFE YOU'VE LIVED MY DEAR, DEAR WIFE.

I LOVE THE LIFE YOU'VE GIVEN TO ME!