

## Life of CHRISTINE

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 frugal 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.

Although Christine grew up going to a Methodist church, and felt a strong compulsion to become a missionary at age 10, she rejected that call from God in upper high school and only wanted to marry and enrolled in nursing school for a year and a half to attract one but was miserable while there. Previously, however, she had won honors in a homemaker competition and could have easily done so. She had heard about this Bible based school call Tennessee Temple and decided to try it in the midst her frustrations in Ohio. It was there 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.

With an Associates degree in teaching but a renewed intense missions urge to return to a foreign field Ghana beckoned strongly!

BIMI, a Baptist missions organization there in Chattanooga became the arm to get her missionary vision to become sight, just not Africa, but a Bahamian school needing a 2nd grade teacher. 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 began summer school back in Chattanooga.

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

God's will by coming to the US for homemaking.

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.

Here are the few notes I conclude as manifesting her glorious days and ways with her:

#### Lessons of Christine

1\*. The Reward for patience and cumulative prayers answered!

2\*\*. Genuine love of people that lasts a lifetime and proven with humble, simple, and faithful greeting cards that follow you wherever you go, and family you start.

3\*. A sober and determined Redeemer of time, almost to a fault.

4\*. A guarded family life and relationship, refusing male hugs except from her husband, and staunch loyalty to her children.

5\*. Sowing love into children's hearts that lasts a lifetime through Sunday School classes, VBS, and all church activities.

6\*. Giving as a transfer-station all kinds of things no longer wanted by one into the hands of another who's extremely grateful.

In closing, I'll probably never get over a big hole created in our earthly family early this month, but gratefully I'll allow you to re-read all of this passage on "the Virtuous woman" after I close with a 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 ME!

Christine Lanyon  
January 20, 1949 - November 6, 2023



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 35 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. Christine also leaves behind all her brothers and sisters in Christ at Truth Baptist Church and beyond whom she loved dearly.

Order of Service  
November 18, 2023

Reflections from Family & Friends - Open Mic  
30 Minutes

Opening Prayer & Congregational Song  
"Count Your Blessings" - Steve Greenwood

"Cherish the Moment" David Lanyon

Video of Christine

Sermon Pastor Rowley

Eulogy  
Pat Lanyon

Slideshow Put together by David Lanyon

"Holy is He Medley"  
TBC Choir led by Connie Greenwood

Closing Prayer & Dismissal to Fellowship Meal Matt Harper

Everyone is invited to stay for a fellowship meal in the gymnasium where we will also have an open mic for anyone to continue sharing memories of Christine as they feel comfortable.