



Carla Ann Barten

September 2, 1969 - March 6, 2018

Carla Ann Barten, 48, peacefully died Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, Iowa. She was born September 2, 1969 to Jerald and Sarah (Meyer) Barten in Ames, Iowa. Carla grew up in Ankeny. She was confirmed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where her faith grew.

Carla graduated from Ankeny High School in 1988. She earned her BA in Sociology from the University of Iowa and her Masters in Social Work from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Carla enjoyed teaching sociology courses at Des Moines Area Community College empowering and inspiring her students. She joined the Des Moines and Ames Quaker Friends Meeting Houses. She enjoyed her meditation group, creating abstract art, playing scrabble with friends, having fun with her nieces and nephews, and camping with her family and also with her nieces at Threshold Learning Center. She loved spending time with all of her friends. During chemotherapy she joined the Bliss Cancer Center dragon boat practices at Ada Hayden Lake.

Carla's goal in life was to empower the people around her and provide caring support. She found the people in her life a blessing. Carla cultivated an attitude of "Let go, let God" and being grateful for all God has provided her on a daily basis. She found joy in every day and strived for peace and self-acceptance. Carla prays that her loved ones may also count their blessings and find joy in every day.

Carla is survived by her father, Jerald Barten; her siblings, Jerry (Lori) Barten, Chris Barten, and JoAnn (Troy) Barten Bigelow; nieces and nephews, Joshua Barten, Dylan Smith, Molly and Maggie Barten, and Carl and Leah Bigelow. Carla has two great nieces: Athena and Abbigail Smith. Also surviving her are aunts Jeanette Pohlman and Jolene Meyer; first cousins, James (Faye) Meyer and family, Gloria Meyer and family, Suzanne (Mike) Bunting and family, Kayti Pohlman and family, Matthew (Dawn) Pohlman and family, Janiece (Mark) Lweis and family, Carleen Barten, Glen Barten and family. Carla was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah (Meyer) Barten in December 2015, her grandparents, Carl and Edna Meyer and Richard and Ida Barten, aunts and uncles: Donald and Amy Meyer, Marcus Meyer, Lloyd Barten, Bernice Barten, and Lois Barten; first cousins, Larry Meyer and Doug Barten, and nephew, Joshua Smith.

Carla requests memorial contributions be made in her name to: Ames Friends Meeting House (Quaker), 121 S. Maple Ave., Ames, Iowa 50010 (meeting house fund) or Threshold Learning Center, 13143 710th Ave, Zearing, Iowa 50278 (Memorial Travel Fund – field trip assistance for children).

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7 PM, Friday, March 9, 2018 the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting Room, 4211 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, with family available to greet friends from 4pm until service time.

Flower deliveries may be made to the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting House on Friday, March 9, 2018.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting House
4211 Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ *Carla was a dear friend an co-worker! I am so sad we lost touch and she is surely missed. Carla supported me many times in my life during some very dark days. Her warmth and enthusiasm were contagious. Until we meet again Carla! ❤️*

Mary Vaughn - April 28, 2022 at 06:23 PM

RF

“ *I met Carla in college at the U of I. Carla was always a great friend and so loving to everyone. Carla was the voice of reason whenever one was needed. Carla will be forever missed.*

Renae Franzen

Renae Franzen - March 11, 2018 at 04:39 PM

MP

“ *I met Carla through a common friend, Rayf Schmidt. He and I worked together @ the Pappajohn Center @ the sculpture park 12th. & Grand.*

Carla was a very positive person always kind and thinking of others first.

*She leaves a HUGE void in the lives who knew and loved her.
Rest in peace sweet lady.*

Mike and Betty Perry Ankeny

Mike & Betty Perry - March 10, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



March 09, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Lizmari C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



Lizmari C. - March 08, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *The Meislahn Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



The Meislahn Families - March 08, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



March 08, 2018 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ *The Reischauer and Slinger Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



The Reischauer and Slinger Families - March 08, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DB

“ *Carla Barten was a joy to be around at DMACC Southridge. She was always able to share her smiles and communicate joyfully even when she was struggling physically. She has been missed this semester and so glad her pain is over.*



Diana Birkenholtz - March 07, 2018 at 04:46 PM

DO

“ *Debra Ott lit a candle in memory of Carla Ann Barten*



Debra Ott - March 07, 2018 at 02:44 PM

YL

“ *Your Staff at Barten Law purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carla Ann Barten.*



Your Staff at Barten Law - March 07, 2018 at 02:38 PM

LJ

“ I met Carla only last summer when she joined our Life is Bliss Dragon Boat paddling group. As many of us are cancer survivors, we were all inspired by her positive attitude and determination to live each day to the fullest. A truly beautiful soul!

Lynn Jenison



Lynn Jenison - March 07, 2018 at 01:16 PM