



Carla Radloff

December 12, 1949 - April 15, 2012

Carla Faye Radloff, a dedicated servant of her Lord, was born on December 12, 1949, in Cozad, NE, and died Sunday, April 15, 2012, in Albany County, WY. Carla was the fourth of five daughters of Rev. Ralph and Doris (Rumbaugh) Radloff. She grew up in parsonages in Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas and Colorado. She graduated from Fort Morgan High School in 1967, received a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She worked as a speech therapist in elementary schools in Delta, CO and Thermopolis, WY. She was called by the Lord to work in Bible translation in 1980. God placed the people of Western Asia on Carla's heart in 1981 and she has been serving there since 1982. She desired to see the Word of God translated into the spoken language of the mountain people. That desire inspired her in the many years of linguistic research and analysis which have led to the development of the written form of the language and materials for teaching it. She authored several books and many journal articles regarding her work. Carla's deep faith and love for Jesus, her joy in living, and her sense of humor inspired and comforted many across the world. She especially enjoyed being in the Rocky Mountains at the family cabin, spending time with her family and playing her guitar. Carla is survived by an uncle, Duane M. Rumbaugh of Highland Park, New Jersey; three sisters and two brothers-in-law: Margretha and Donald Bentz and Susan Osborn of Loveland, and Ida and Robert Tieman of Fort Collins; nieces Katherine Bentz, Kristi Huff, Janna (Steve) Walker, Jessica

(Tim) Blackwood, Kimberly Osborn-Linnebur and Kellie Lamon; nephew Kendall (Carrie Green) Bentz; and five great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Karen Reinhart, and nephew Matthew Tieman. A Celebration of Life for Carla Faye Radloff will be held Monday, April 23, 2012, 10:00 am at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Loveland. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Wycliffe Bible Translators (in memory of Carla Radloff), PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200.

Tribute Wall



“ *Azeemullah Baig lit a candle in memory of
Carla Radloff* ”



Azeemullah Baig - April 25, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ *Carla Radloff* ”

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ I met Carla when I was a graduate student in Speech Pathology at UW. We met a Summer Clinic. I believe that she had brought some students down from the BOCES in Thermopolis at the time. I really liked Carla from the first time we met. Then later, somehow we became re-connected via Harvest Church and her work with Wycliffe. In recent years I made sure to try and get together with Carla when she would be home from Pakistan. I'm sure I can say we mutually enjoyed our time together when we would talk about anything and everything, but always meandering around the topic of the Lord. We had her for lunch on Saturday afternoon in Laramie before she spoke at church on Sunday. We were blessed to share a meal, fellowship and prayer before she left. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit all afternoon and were honored to have some private time with her. Carla was extraordinary, a fine person, a good witness and just fun to be with. I will miss knowing she is here on the earth with us. I also, like you, can only take comfort in knowing she is rejoicing with Jesus. I'll look forward to seeing her again! I'll be among the numbers of people who mourn her loss here and extend my sympathy and prayers for all her family. We trust and pray that all the seeds she sowed in Central Asia will bear much fruit. Sincerely, Diana Seabeck

Bob and Diana Seabeck - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Margretha, Susan, and Ida,

I am greatly saddened to hear of the tragic death of Carla. My parents were charter members of Lutheran Church of our Redeemer, Ray and Virginia Johnson. Carla and I grew up together in school, Sunday school and youth group although she was a year ahead of me. Her passing comes as such a shock. We shared many good times through our church activities and youth group. My prayers are with you and your families. I know you have many treasured memories of Carla that you will share and comfort each other with.

*Peace be with all of you,
Jacque Simpson*

Jacque Johnson-Simpson - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Carla was a light in my life. She made all the difference to me during those crucial, difficult high school years and the first couple of years of college. She was a gifted writer, song writer, and musician, among her many other gifts. I admired and loved her greatly. Even though we parted ways many years ago, I have never forgotten her. I wish I could be there with you to honor her memory.*

Cheryl Mares - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

*In 1988 we worked together in Pakistan, she cared a lot for me we had David,Clinda Sandy.An extremely good time spent
Rest in peace Carla.Love you.Noor*

Noor us sehar - February 06, 2022 at 10:02 PM

NS

The time passed so quickly.

Noor us sehar - February 06, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JF

“ We were shocked and saddened when we received the news from Ted of Carla's untimely death! We send our deepest sympathy to all of you. What a loss to the Wycliff community also. She accomplished SO MUCH with her translations and sharing the Scriptures with others. We will miss our great conversations (sporadic though they may have been) with Carla. she was a joy to be with.

Our prayers for comfort are with you all.

Jim and Barb Fritschel

Jim and Barb Fritschel - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Carla has been in my thoughts and prayers often ever since I heard that she was in Pakistan doing Bible translating. What an example as she stood and declared her love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at our last class reunion. We so remember her for her sense of humor as well. We will miss her presence here on earth...our only condolence is knowing where she is. Goodness glows and although her light has been put out, her hope remains. Praise God for her life and work!

Paula Clapp - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

Carla is now one year that you left for the eternal home, but here in Islamabad you were close to my house. I went to look at the house you lived in , your car was parked but there was silence, as some one saying that she is no more in Pakistan, so please rest in peace, i can never forget the love you had for life and Pakistan.
noor,religion678@hotmail.com,

noorus sehar - June 06, 2013 at 01:42 AM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Carla's accident! We send you all our prayers and best wishes.

Brenda and Jon

April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Carla has been a part of our life since she moved to Bird City, KS, when she was 5 years old. We remember especially the times spent at the cabin with her and her family...and our kids remember climbing up the rocks with her.

She has been in our prayers daily since she went to Pakistan. We were always so glad to see her when she came home on furlough, and enjoyed seeing her pictures so very much. We so much appreciated her giving the program at our Kiwanis club and at our OWLS at Zion. What a blessing she was..and...is... to our lives. We know that she is in God's loving care still, and that is a comfort.

Mary Jo Haack - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy as you mourn the death of your sister, Carla. She is the sister who was in closest age to me and I remember many happy times in your home in Fort Morgan. What a shock to be mourning her tragic death. May God comfort you in your grief.

Sue Wegenast Schlessman

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PT

“ I was so very sad to hear the news of Carla's passing. I met her in college and admired and respected and loved her. I feel sorrow for those she served in Western Asia. She lived her faith and touched all she met. She was an inspiration for me and she will be missed. God Bless and Comfort her friends family.
Sincerely,
Patti

Patti Taggett - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Radloff Family,
We here at the Good Samaritan Society - Fort Collins Village are shocked and sadden with the news about Carla. The only thing I can think of is Jesus' words in John 12:24, "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the gound and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." And Isaiah's words about God's ways and thoughts higher and greater than ours. Due to conflict in schedule for Monday I won't be able to be at the service. You have our prayers for the days ahead.
Residents and Staff -- Good Samaritan
Fort Collins Village

steve kitterman - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ What a fun and wonderful person. Her wonderful smile came from her heart. She will certainly be missed. Bless your family.

Evelyn Weimer Columbia - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Carla was one of the most wonderful people I have ever met! We met at Good Sams. She would visit her mother when she was home and come to church services. Carla's mother was very special to her-you could see the love in her eyes for her mom.*

Carla seemed to know the words to every song. I watched her mouth them from my choir seat. She has left an impression on many people and she was an inspiration to us all!

God does not weed before he picks the flowers-now He has another beautiful flower to enjoy in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cathy

Cathy A Anderson Mathern - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *We want to extend our sympathy and condolences to your family. We had the privilege of hearing Carla speak numerous times at the Community Federated Church here in Thermopolis. What a wonderful lady, what a passion for the mountain people she loved, and what a passion for the Lord.*

We pray your faith in the Lord and your memories of Carla will help to bring healing peace to your hearts now and in the days to come.

Keith and Pamela Kerr - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Carla's passing leaves alot of us with a void in our lives. Though we saw her only at class reunions, or when we saw her when she came home. it was a pleasure to see her. Her life is a testament to what one person can do to help those in need. We will miss her. The Class of "67" has lost a great classmate. Deepest sympathy to her Family and close Friends.*

Charlie Bragg - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I served with Carla overseas for two years. She was a dear friend who made my transition to the culture a smooth one. Carla was a godly woman who had the gift of making you feel welcome in her home and in her heart. She drove me to the airport as I returned to the states. My husband and I have fond memories of Carla's visit along with her mother several years ago. Please know that we are praying for you, her family, and the service in the morning. We are comforted in knowing that she is with the Lord and we look forward to the day when we will see her again.*

Lynn Cook - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Radloff family, Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I first met Carla about 5 years ago. Karen and Doris were residents at Fort Collins Good Samaritan. After there passing Carla still would attend Good Samaritan Church when she was home. We were all blessed to see her last month. It was always very interesting to hear about her work. I feel so fortunate to have known her for this short time. Sincerely, Schanna*

Schanna Preuit - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *My thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences to Carla's family. Truly, Carla was one of the most honorable, genuine and awesome people in my life. I was fortunate to have known your parents, Ida and especially Carla. She was a special part of my life. She lived her life with such integrity and faith; the number of people whose lives she touched is overwhelming. I was blessed to have been one of her supporters in her endeavor in Pakistan. I thank God that I had the opportunity to have Carla in my life. God bless you and hold you in his hands as Carla moves on to her next adventures. Love,*
Rhonda

Rhonda Parker Olguin - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Margretha, dear Susan and dear Ida and family*

I sincerely mourn with you over the loss of your dear sister and my dear, dear friend Carla.

Carla spent a few days over Easter at my home in Switzerland. A really precious time! We enjoyed long good talks and went for walk - a relaxing and pleasant time with a precious, precious friend!

Carla has been a close friend for many years ever since we first met in Asia. I remember Carla always putting others first before caring about her own needs. Loving and caring for others. It is painful to say good-bye in this way, but what joy it will be to meet her again in heaven. Until then, I will greatly miss her!!!

May our Lord Jesus comfort you and give you peace.

Lovingly,

Maria Wüger

April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My sister Sue had recently corresponded with Ted Fritschel by email and received the information on Carla's death. How shocking. We grieve with you and you are in our thought and prayers. What a beautiful life Carla was called to...a testimony of a true and faithful servant! The Lord be with you!

Jan Wegenast Ott - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Carla, till we meet again. You truly were a major force in working with the languages of northern Pakistan, and a shining star of a person. We knew you and the small SIL team in Peshawar 1987-1992, and there you have been, carrying on for the last 20 years without us. As a child you grew up in Bird City, KS, the next town east of us, where your father pastored the Lutheran church. You were a special person on a special mission. You were fun to be around. With you gone, even though we have not kept in touch, the world is now a duller place.

Jeff & Conny Paulsen - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Dear Radloff Family,
we are so deeply saddened to learn of Carla's death. A high point of our yearly summer trips to the cabin has been the chance meetings with Carla, time to hear her stories about her work and often to share a meal. She was a truly bright spirit - as much as we mourn, we know she will also be sorely missed in Pakistan. Carol -- And what a pioneer-adventurer committed to what was most important to her. I really liked--and tried to keep up with--her quick wit. She was so fun to be with. We will miss her dearly. One summer we did have a chance to hear one of her formal presentations at the "Covenant" ? church near Wild Basin. A treat for us. Fritz
We send our condolences to all of you. Please know that we have you in our prayers on Monday as you celebrate Carla's life. Love,
Carol & Fritz

Fritz Fritschel / Carol Langner - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ I remember Carla's love for the Lord and her work. She had such an outgoing personality and I just loved listening to her stories from the field.

She was a shining example of submission to the Lord's will for her life and I cherished knowing her. I will look forward to seeing her again when we have that grand reunion in Heaven. May God comfort all of you with His blessed promises of Resurrection life.
Love Judy

Judy (guhlow) YEALY - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I thank God that He led me to Thermopolis, Wy. & into Carla's path. It was my honor & pleasure to be her supporter & friend. I can't believe she's gone-it just doesn't seem real, but I know I'll get to be with her again some day in Heaven soon & we'll have fun together again. "I love you carla & I miss you. Don't worry, God will complete the work He has begun among the Shina speaking people that you love so much." love eternally, Brenda

Brenda & Duane Richter - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM