

Obituary
Beverly Marjeanne Daly Barnett

Beverly was born September 2, 1954 in Glendale, California. At sixteen months she went with her parents and older sister Elaine to southern Mexico for survival training at Jungle Camp at Yaxoquintelá in the state of Chiapas, near the Guatemalan border. Upon their return to the U.S. after five months in Mexico, the Daly's attended a second session of the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Oklahoma University where they were accepted as members of the Summer Institute of Linguistics and Wycliffe Bible Translators and assigned to begin linguistic investigation and translation work in Oaxaca, Mexico with a Mixtec group.

The small Mixtec village of Santa María Peñoles, Etna, Oaxaca was Beverly's home until she returned to the U.S. as a teenager to attend high school. After her freshman year which was spent in Tucson she went to the Mexico Branch children's home in Oklahoma City for the last three years of high school, graduating in May 1972. In the fall of 1972 while on a visit home to Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico Bev contracted hepatitis which went into encephalitis and sent her into a coma for a week. She was not expected to live, but through the prayers of the Lord's people she was completely healed, allowing her to begin attending Wheaton College the next fall. Beverly graduated with honors from Wheaton College in 1977 in elementary education. The summer after graduation she worked as a camp counselor in the junior high program at Pine Cove Christian Conference Center in 1977, in Tyler Texas. It was there that she met Tim Barnett who became her husband in 1978.

She spent the following year after graduation in Tucson, Arizona where the family was on furlough. Beverly became secretary/receptionist in the Office of Modern Languages at the University of Arizona, working there until she returned to Texas the next summer.

During their first year of marriage the Barnett's lived in Dallas while Tim completed his studies at Dallas Seminary and Beverly taught in an Christian elementary school. For the next 4 years the Barnett's lived at Pine Cove where Tim served as director of the junior high program and Bev worked as a secretary for the executive director. In 1983 they moved to southern California where Tim served as a resident director while completing a graduate program in student development at Azusa Pacific University and Bev worked as an executive secretary to the vice president for development.

Following graduation from APU Tim obtained a position in the Office of Student Affairs at Wheaton College and Beverly worked as an admissions counselor. After two years at Wheaton the Barnett's moved back to California where Bev worked as a substitute teacher and Tim worked on his doctoral degree at the Claremont Graduate School. Shortly after their arrival Jonathan was born in Whittier CA in 1987. Robert was born in 1990 in La Habra. While in CA Beverly obtained her MA in Marriage and Family Counseling.

Beverly's cancer was first diagnosed in 1991 when Robert was just four months old. For the next fourteen years Beverly battled not only the original cancer diagnosis and

surgery, but underwent chemotherapy and radiation more than a dozen different times as the cancer returned. The Barnett's were living in New Orleans in 1996 when her oncologist was able to enroll her in a research program at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. The program entailed heavy treatments of chemotherapy and an autologous stem cell replacement, a treatment, which was eventually determined not to be helpful for women with breast cancer.

In January of 1999, the Barnett's moved to Aberdeen, SD where Tim served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Northern State University. Beverly worked as counselor and director for Lutheran Social Services. Her popularity as counselor was seen in the large number of client referrals that she received. In 2000, while living in Aberdeen South Dakota, the cancer metastasized to her lungs. At that time she was told that the aggressiveness of the cancer might prevent her from living to see the graduation of her two sons. The Barnett's came to Fairbanks, Alaska in July of last year after Tim accepted the position of Dean of Students at UAF. Beverly began working as a counselor at Samaritan Counseling Center.

Beverly was talented with her hands, creating various kinds of crafts from an early age. One of her creations depicts her first two bouts with the cancer that has finally taken her life. She was an accomplished violinist and played solos and with orchestras or small groups wherever she lived until muscle damage in her left hand caused by radiation left her unable to do so. Her sons have inherited her musical ability. Beverly loved to make pottery and stained glass. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors with her family fishing, camping and traveling. Several years ago Bev began writing a poem to send out with their yearly December newsletter, saying, "I finally finished my Christmas poem and have attached it for you to read. This has been my way of continuing to find the amazement and wonder in the Christmas story, and it's worked."

Beverly is known for the hundreds of lives she touched through her work as a counselor and an active member of the churches she attended. Her gentle spirit, commitment, trust and visible faith in Jesus Christ could be seen by all who came in contact with her.

Her battle with cancer began 13 years ago. Her love for life, her family and others was apparent in the way she approached each day.

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Beverly is survived by her husband Tim and their two sons Jonathan and Robert;
her parents, John and Margaret Daly;
four sisters, Elaine (Steve) Elliott, Sharon (Todd) Cooper, Kelly (Jack) Bradley;
one brother, Chuck (Chris) Daly;
and fifteen nephews and nieces.