



## Carol Barto

June 20, 2009

ADRIAN – Carol Mae Barto, age 66 of Adrian, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family, after a brief battle with cancer.

Carol was born January 3, 1943, in Garfield Heights, Ohio, the daughter of John and Sophie (Augustyn) Jarzembowski. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University.

On September 18, 1965, Carol married Thomas W. Barto in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Tom and Carol had 43 wonderful years of marriage.

Carol began her teaching career in Sylvania, Ohio, at Stranahan Elementary School. After raising her family, she returned to teaching and became a beloved English teacher at Adrian High School, where she served as Department Chair. In July of 2005, Carol retired from Adrian Public Schools with over 20 years of service.

Carol led a colorful life. She loved being a grandmother most of all. An additional recent passion was the Stubnitz Environmental Education Center where she volunteered. She enjoyed winters in Florida with her sisters. Summers at Catawba Island with her family and friends were very important to Carol. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by three daughters: Audrey and her husband, William E. Wells, III of Middletown, MD; Lynne Barto of New Buffalo, MI; and Dr. Judith Barto Gwyer and her husband David of Richmond, VA; five grandchildren, Thomas, 10; Maddie, 9; Henry, 5; Joey, 3; and Theo, 1. Also surviving are two sisters, Henrietta (George) Baranski and Evelyn Stella, both of the Melbourne, Florida area.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The Funeral Mass for Carol will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will take place at Catawba Island Township Cemetery in Ohio, on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Friends may visit the family at Wagley Funeral Home on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com).

Contributions in memory of Carol may be made to the Stubnitz Environmental Education Center. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
305 Division Street  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Carol Barto

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Carols passing. Both of our daughters had her for a teacher at Adrian High School. And both commented that she was an excellent teacher who prepared them so well for college . Many of their college English professors commented that they had been given a superior education for college English. Having been teachers in Adrian as well we knew how hard she worked and what an excellent reputation she had. She leaves behind a rich legacy in all the students she taught so well. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Ted & Ellen Anderson###imported-begin###Ted and Ellen Anderson###imported-end###

July 25, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ May prayers of peace be with you in your time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Anissa Johnson###imported-end###

July 23, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ My sympathy to the Barto family. Mrs. Barto was my senior year English teacher and she was an amazing teacher! I'm now a high school English teacher and I am constantly inspired by her. She was a gift to everyone that knew her.###imported-begin###Dawn Reed###imported-end###

July 14, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ Tom, Marlene and I were so sorry to hear of Carol's passing. She was certainly much too young to go. We know you had a wonderful life together, and we wish you the best as time goes by. We know Carol is in a better place now. Our condolences to you and your family.

Lyle Snow

(old Arthur Young friend)##imported-begin##Lyle Snow##imported-end##

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June 25, 2009 at 08:46 AM



“ Hey Tom and family

Sorry to hear about your loss. I will always remember the good times we spent at DLYC.

Jason, Jennifer, Hannah and Olivia Moore##imported-begin##Jason Moore##imported-end##

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June 24, 2009 at 03:45 PM



“ Judy and the entire Barto family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your mom was a wonderful woman who will truly be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Heather (Garcia) Wilson##imported-end##

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June 24, 2009 at 11:04 AM



“ Family of Carol,  
I did volunteer work at Stubnitz Environmental Center and enjoyed working with Carol. I saw her and her wonderful family on June 3rd, as I also had my grandsons with me. I was stunned to learn that a lovely lady with so much zest for life and such a wonderful laugh was no longer going to be working with the children at Stubnitz and sharing her love of the environment and participating in all the rotations of activities. I will truly miss this amazing woman.  
Warmly, Patricia Sanders##imported-begin##Patricia Sanders##imported-end##

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June 23, 2009 at 02:14 PM



“ Lynn ~ words can never express feelings like a hug can, wish I could hug you! I have had you and your family in my prayers and Brian and I send our heart felt condolences.##imported-begin##Terri Dragos##imported-end##

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June 23, 2009 at 12:38 PM



“ Lynn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Tammy Crisman##imported-end##

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June 23, 2009 at 09:45 AM



“ My prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Suzzann Rutkowski##imported-end##

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June 23, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ *What a great lady. I saw the joy in her face at Thomas and Maddie's First Communion. She was very proud of her family and strong in her faith. How happy she must be with our Lord. Audrey and Bill...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Much Love, Bridgette*###imported-begin###*Bridgette Benoit*###imported-end##

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June 23, 2009 at 06:22 AM



“ *The Barto Family & Friends*

*We all will miss this wonderful person, mother, grandmother and friend. You have our deepest sympathy. As neighbors and friends during the time our children were growing up all the memories will always be there to cherish.*###imported-begin###*Joyce, Jack, and the Lietzke Family*###imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 07:41 PM



“ *Tom and family, was very surprised and saddened to hear of Carol's passing. What a beautiful lady! Hugging you in our hearts and holding you in our prayers. Mary and Jim*###imported-begin###*Mary Rose Doll*###imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 05:27 PM



“ Dearest former neighbors, what a shock it was to hear about Carol's passing! There aren't many things which leave me speechless, but this notice definitively did.

*I will always keep her on my memory, we spent too many great times way back than!*

*And as for you, her family, I'm praying for you to find the strenght to deal with her passing.*

*Love and lots of hugs from far away*

*Brigitta##imported-begin##Brigitta Pucher and family  
(Barcelona)##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 04:36 PM



“ Tom and family,

*I was so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. We all have to deal with death sometime in our lives. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. FYI, in case you have forgotten we served together in RU Toledo.##imported-begin##Barbara Bebout (Sherburne)##imported-end##*

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June 22, 2009 at 03:25 PM



“ To the Barto Family: We wanted to send our deepest condolences. Mrs. Barto was my (Drew's) freshman English teacher, as well as being the advisor for the Adrian High School Key Club. Judy and Tom probably remember best the fun we had at their house for Key Club meetings; I especially appreciate Mrs. Barto's tolerance for the chaos generated by our rambunctious gatherings, the worst offenders usually being myself or Jeff Hannah. Lots of good times, lots of laughs.##imported-begin##Andrew, Marta, and Sydney Sword##imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 03:14 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Barto. She was such a monumental part of my days at Adrian High. Although I have not seen her in many years, I can still hear her wonderful laugh, and it makes me smile. Thanks Mrs. Barto for the memories.##imported-begin##Melissa Sterling##imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ *Memories of Carol*

*After retiring from teaching at Adrian High School, Carol began volunteering as an interpretive guide for the Stubnitz Environmental Education Center student programs in the fall of 2005. We were fortunate to have her as volunteer, even this spring, before her diagnosis. Always bubbling with enthusiasm and eager to learn more about the natural world, she clearly enjoyed sharing her love of nature with students of all ages.*

*Carol usually volunteered at the Center once a week. However, seeing that we had a small group of volunteers and a large number of students registered for a given day, it was not uncommon for her to volunteer to come on a second day that week, if she was needed. I so appreciated the dedication and enthusiasm that she brought to her work with the students.*

*Stubnitz Environmental Education Center volunteers feel a strong sense of camaraderie and friendship, and we treasured having Carol as part of our volunteer family. Although our student field trip days are packed with activities to bring the natural world alive for students, we do still have time for conversations about our lives. Getting to know Carol through those conversations, we also got acquainted with her family.*

*Carol talked about her children, their spouses, and of course, her beautiful and beloved grandchildren. You could see the joy in her eyes, and hear the love in her voice, as she talked of a recent visit, and recounted the funny, adorable things that the children did.*

*She spoke fondly of her time at the lake cottage and on Catawba Island with her husband, Tom. She loved spending winters together in Florida, where she had could also visit with her sisters, while enjoying the sunshine and warm weather.*

*Carol painted a picture with her words of a loving and much-loved*

*family. She brought many of them out to the Environmental Center in early June to show them the place where she had generously volunteered her time. I hope that was because it felt like another one of her special places. She was a remarkable lady who I proudly counted as a friend and colleague. Carol will be greatly missed by all of her friends, as well as the students, here at Stubnitz Environmental Education Center.*

*Pam Bunch, Coordinator, LISD Stubnitz Environmental Education Center*###imported-begin##Pam Bunch###imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 09:44 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do please call.

*Love to you all*

*Martha and Chuck*###imported-begin##Martha and Chuck Skraitz###imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ My deepest sympathy's go to Mrs. Barto's Family. I had her for Freshman English as well as Senior year Lit Comp. She helped me come a long way. She was a great teacher. I use some of her methods in the classroom today. Thank you for everything Mrs. Barto, you will be missed greatly.###imported-begin##Mr. Evans###imported-end##

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June 22, 2009 at 09:02 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I had Mrs. Barto as my English teacher my freshman year of high school. As a teacher myself, I always remembered her style of teaching as one I enjoyed. Also, I swam with Judy, and had many talks with Mrs. Barto about swimming. My deepest sympathies go out to your family.##imported-begin##Christy (Smith) Pino##imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 11:02 PM



“ Lynn and all of Carol's family, I'm so deeply sorry to hear this sad news. Lynn you were my best friend all growing up, and your mom was a huge part of my childhood...while I haven't been a part of your lives for so long...I am so saddened for you loss. You are all in my prayers.

Jennifer, Dan, Zachary & Joshua Watson##imported-begin##Jennifer (Lietzke) Watson##imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 09:53 PM



“ My deepest sympathy in this difficult time. She was a very caring and thoughtful person. She will be missed by everyone##imported-begin##Frank Allie##imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 08:29 PM



“ what a shock ! we certainly will miss her happy smiling face at the park. she was such a vibrant person.to know her is to love her.may god give you the strength and courage to endure this terrible loss.##imported-begin##ray & marge kuchta##imported-end##

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June 21, 2009 at 11:44 AM



“ *Such a wonderful person and excellent teacher Carol was. My son Matthew had her for a teacher and such a total fun learning experience and friendship that he had with her. She was always there for advice and helping him since he was so involved in the Croswell Opera House. They always had wonderful times talking and a wonderful learning experience thru her. She will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Pamela Guistino and Matthew Lacey.##imported-end##*

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June 21, 2009 at 11:43 AM



“ *Tom, So sorry to read of Carol's passing. Our prayers are with you.*

*Your favorite E9s##imported-begin##Dick & Juanita Lewis##imported-end##*

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June 21, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dear Barto Family*

*Carol was a very special person - she will always be remembered fondly.*

*Much Love Kathy, David and Brian##imported-begin##Kathy Eggleston##imported-end##*

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June 21, 2009 at 08:04 AM