



Lynn Bartholomew

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“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep.”

Psalm 107:23-24 KJV

Lynn Bartholomew was the fourth of five children born to David and Joan Bartholomew. Her love for music and reading developed early, and continued throughout her life. Blessed with a beautiful singing voice, she participated in choir and band, later teaching herself guitar and piano to sing and share her music with others. She was a competitive swimmer in high school and retained her love for the water all her life. She earned a degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Hawaii and, though that did not become her career, the islands became a second home that she would return to many times in her life. Eventually, her interests and encouragement from family led her to pursue a degree in Computer Science as well as an MBA and she spent most of her life working in IT.

She loved traveling and visited many different places over the years – South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Yosemite, Acadia, Ottawa, Ecuador, and more. Eventually, her love for the outdoors and water narrowed into a love for kayaking, both for spending time on the water and for the kayaking community that became like a second family to her.

However, her first love was ministry. She spent many years ministering with The Navigators and at her church mentoring women and discipling them in the Christian faith, teaching them how to love with wisdom and in response to the gospel. Though she longed to be married with children, she was single her whole life. In Isaiah 56:5, God promises to those who devote their lives of singleness in service to him that he will give them, “In My house and within My wall a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.” And God did indeed give that inheritance to her, evidenced by the many lives that were changed through her ministry and influence.

***“A little one become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation:
I the LORD hastened it in her time.” Isaiah 60:22 (P)***