



## Lana Kaye Barnett Edwards

July 15, 1953 - February 8, 2022

Dateline: Alton

Lana Kaye Barnett Edwards, 68, died at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Alton Memorial Rehab. She was born July 15, 1953 in Wood River Hospital to Louis and Elaine (Miller) Barnett. On April 5, 1980 she married R. Steven Edwards at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. For over 41 years, they enjoyed working together in church, traveling, motorcycling, HAM radio, golfing, watching classic films and reading together. At the age of five, Lana began attending Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. She accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior when she was 13 years old and was baptized along with her parents. She served as a member of Calvary in various capacities over the years including youth choir, adult choir, youth Sunday School teacher, and production support. Her faith in Jesus was the most important part of her life. Lana graduated from Alton High School in 1971, one of 7 Valedictorians. She attended SIUE, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975. She was enrolled in the third class at SIU School of Dental Medicine, one of a group of first females accepted. She graduated in 1977 with her DMD degree. Lana began practicing dentistry after graduation in North Alton as an associate of Frank Vonnahmen, DDS. In 1978 she opened a private dental practice in Alton. In 1989 she began teaching Dental Assisting at Lewis and Clark Community College, retiring in 2008. In the 1990's she helped the LCCC Dental Assisting faculty design a unique 1 + 1

Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene program, the first program of its kind in Illinois. She was a member of the LCCC Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs advisory board. Along with her husband, Steve, she is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Larry and Caren Barnett of Minot, ND, a nephew and wife, Reiss Barnett and Keylee Hertz Barnett, two great nieces and one great nephew, Savannah, Keller and Elliot Hertz Barnett of Bismarck, ND. She was preceded in death by her parents, a nephew Eric Barnett and her favorite uncle, Sherman Barnett. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund. A private funeral will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lana Kaye Barnett Edwards*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Lana Kaye Barnett Edwards*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lana Kaye Barnett Edwards.*



February 21, 2022 at 02:35 AM



“ *We were so sad to hear the news of Lana's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with Steve and the family at this time. We have many fond memories of Lana from our road trips in the US and previously when Steve and Lana stayed with us in the UK. We will remember her deep faith, sense of humour and welcoming spirit. We know that Lana is now resting in the arms of her Lord. Although the miles separated us, we will miss her so very much. From Mike, Sue, Josie, Nikki and Andrea in the UK.*

**Sue & Mike Smith** - February 13, 2022 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ Steve,  
We are so sorry to learn that Lana has passed. We know that she is now in a much better place, a peaceful, no pain place with her Savior. As your neighbor, it has been our pleasure to know both of you and we will truly miss Lana.  
Jo & Tom Barrett

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**Jo Barrett** - February 13, 2022 at 01:11 PM

SC

“ It fills me with sadness and grief that Lana has passed away. 30 years ago I have met Lana and Steve for the first time and I have enjoyed being their host child for one year.  
I remember Lana as a true warm and always caring person. Back then she introduced me to the calvary baptiste church community and the youth group and helped me to settle in in Alton.  
My memories with Lana are full of many enjoyable times -whether it has been in Alton, the day trips around the community or during various travels to different destinations in the US.  
Especially her sense of humor as well as the way she laughed was contagious and will always remain in my memory.  
After my stay we have also seen each other a few more times and once also here in Europe. Besides the sadness now, I am thankful for all the time we have spent together and my thoughts are also with Steve and Lana's family wishing them all the strength needed now to find orientation and to continue.

Sören Callsen



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**Sören Callsen** - February 13, 2022 at 06:39 AM

CR

“ So sorry to hear of Lana passing. My condolences to brother Larry and her husband. I was one of her dental patients when she was practicing.

Charles Randall - February 12, 2022 at 09:55 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cathy Weinrich Smith - February 11, 2022 at 08:25 PM

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L to R: Bill Smith, Cathy Weinrich Smith, Lana Barnett Edwards, Chuck Shepler, Ann Kornegay Shepler (unfortunately Steve was sick that night).

Cathy Weinrich Smith - February 11, 2022 at 08:29 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marcia Murphy - February 11, 2022 at 12:51 PM

MM

Steve and Lana September 2019

Marcia Murphy - February 11, 2022 at 12:52 PM

JH

“ I am so sad to hear this about Lana. She was a good friend and so fun to be with. Our prayers for comfort and peace are with you.



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**Jo Hampshire** - February 10, 2022 at 05:19 PM

KD

“ Steve , I am thankful that Lana was a part of my life here on this earth for the short time I got to know her and it's a comfort to know one day we will see her again. She was a wonderful person, a good wife, a good example in so many ways. Prayers for comfort for you and the rest of her family. Love, Kathi



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**Kathi Durbin** - February 10, 2022 at 03:49 PM