



## Loraine "Rush" Bartlett

January 19, 1933 - May 13, 2013

Loraine Rush Bartlett, 80, passed away on May 13, 2013 in Carthage, Missouri. Loraine Faye Rush was born January 19, 1933 to Lloyd Herbert Rush and Clara Richters Rush at McCune-Brooks Hospital in Carthage. The nurses were all amazed by her beautiful "violet" eyes. Her eyes shared happiness and kindness throughout her life. Loraine attended Carthage schools and graduated from Carthage Senior High School in 1950. She made lasting friendships during school and enjoyed planning and attending class reunions throughout the years. She was offered a full scholarship to attend the University of Indiana for theater, but chose to stay close to home attending Joplin Junior College and becoming active in the Joplin Little Theater. During her career she worked with her parents at the Rush Insurance Agency, which she later purchased from them. She appreciated and enjoyed friendships with her insurance clients over the years. She spent the last 26 years of her career at Locarni Marble Company, Carthage. A devoted mother, she was very active in the Parent Teacher Associations of Hawthorne and Mark Twain Elementary schools, as well as the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage. Family was the cornerstone of her life and she thoroughly enjoyed keeping the family history and researching genealogy. Through her work she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution-Rhoda Fairchild Chapter 16 years ago. Loraine loved Carthage and was a member of the Carthage Historical Society and Carthage Art Central. As a career business woman she also enjoyed her

membership and friends in the American Business Women's Association-Peace Star Chapter where she served in many leadership positions. As an avid life-long reader she was honored to serve on the committee that assisted architects to design the new addition to the Carthage Public Library to preserve history while bridging into the future. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Lois (Rush) Kirchner. She is survived by her son Rush Lloyd Bartlett (Brenda) Tulsa, Oklahoma and daughter Susan Bartlett-Alvey of Carthage. Grandchildren Rush Lloyd Bartlett II (Amy) of Palo Alto, California; Katherine Kayleah Bartlett of Houston, Texas; Kristine Klara Bartlett of Tulsa; and Clare Elise Bartlett-Alvey of Carthage. She was extremely proud and thankful for all of her grandchildren. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23rd at Ulmer Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Park Cemetery Carthage. Contributions can be made to Carthage Public Library in Loraine's name in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of this beautiful and creative spirit. E6

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**Jewell Kirchner Gregor** - May 22, 2013 at 09:45 PM

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“ Loraine always had a smile and kind word for me. Her enthusiasm will be missed among her DAR friends!  
She once told me of a memory she had of my father. As a young girl her family lived across Oak Street from my grandparents' house. One time during WWII my father was home on leave and while still in his uniform he went out to the mail box for the mail. Loraine had been watching from the window and so she hurried out to gather her folks' mail so that she could speak to the handsome young soldier. Loraine was 10 or 11 at that time, but the memory was vivid to her when she shared it with me about 14 years ago. I still smile at how she cheered me up one day with this story while I was visiting my father's grave site.

Sincerely - Ann Garrigues

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart . . . Psalm 34:18

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**Ann L. Garrigues** - May 22, 2013 at 12:46 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy. My dad has the fondest memories his entire life with Loraine. Growing up In Carthage, and also for many years at Locarni Marble.

Susan. we are so sorry we aren't able to attend the funeral. My dad's health won't allow the travel. He was so upset when I told him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Much Love, Dick and Sarah

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**Richard Rush and Sarah Lashley** - May 21, 2013 at 07:17 PM