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and the teaching of kindness is on
her tongue.

Catherine Holladay 1952-1985

A valiant woman who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her.
She does him good and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax and works
with willing hands.
She rises while it is yet night and
provides food for her household.
She puts her back into her work and
makes her arms strong.
She finds her labor well worth while,
her lamp does not go out at night.
She opens her hand to the poor and
reaches out her hand to the needy.
Strength and dignity are her clothing
and she laughs at the times to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom
and the teaching of kindness on her
tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her
household and does not eat the
bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed,
her husband also, he praises her:
Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain
but a woman who fears the Lord
is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands
and let her works praise her in
the gates.

Proverbs 31

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On June 12th, while crossing a Dorchester street with her children, Cathy was hit by a car and instantly killed. The children received minor injuries.

You probably remember Cathy, she usually prayed with us outside the Draper Laboratory. Over the past three eyars, Anna was always with her. She was either wrapped snuggly on her back, or nursing at her breast or playing at her feet. This past summer and fall, she was pregnant with her son, John.

She is remembered by us as a mother whose love was deep and universal. Her love was centered, completely given over to her husband Mike, and the two children. She desired to be and do do nothing else other than be wife and mother. Yet, her love was not contained by the family circle.

She had traveled over most of the world. For extended periods of time, Holland, Beriut, Tunisia and Sudan were "home" for her. These people remained in her heart. She loved them well.

She held Anna and John because she loved them. She prayed at Draper, Groton, Washington, D.C. and Kansas because she loved the people of the world. She knew that an increase in the number and accuracy of nuclear warheads increased the likelihood that these weapons would be used to kill the people of the world. She know that money spent on weapons and not on food and medicine was causing people to die today.