

## Eve Carson Memorial Butterfly Bench <sup>[1]</sup>

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**Description:** The bench is made of steel and painted Carolina blue. It is in the shape of a butterfly with cut-out wing detail and measures approximately 4 feet tall and 4 feet wide. A brass plaque on the bench dedicates it to the memory of Eve Carson. It was donated to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill a few days after her death.

**Inscription:**  
IN MEMORY OF EVE CARSON

**Dedication date:** 3/10/2008

**Creator:** Cricket Forge, Sculptor

**Materials & Techniques:** The bench is made of 1/2 inch steel with a two part epoxy base paint. The plaque dedicating the bench to Miss Carson is made of brass.

**Sponsor:** Anonymous donation

**Cost:** \$Prices for similar benches range from \$1,500 to \$4,700.

**Post dedication use:** The bench is sometimes decorated with flowers and other memorial tokens by students and members of the community.

The bench is one of three memorial's to Eve Carson. A plaque in the UNC arboretum and a memorial garden a few yards away from the original butterfly bench also pay tribute to her.

**Subject notes:** The bench was donated in memory of Eve Carson, UNC student body president, who was murdered on March 5, 2008.

**Controversies:** The bench appeared in the days and weeks after Carson's death as an anonymous donation. Such items are not usually allowed to remain, but Chancellor James Moeser said the bench would stay.

**Location:** The bench sits in front of the UNC Campus YMCA on Polk Place, located near the Eve Marie Carson Garden. It is also next to the YMCA's painted billboard cubes, which were used at the time and continue to be used (as of 2012) as a place for students to write memories and reflections about Eve Carson.

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**County:** Orange

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**Latitude:** 35.91176

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