

When You Look at the Moon

On April 6, 2026, as the Artemis II crew surpassed the all-time human distance record from Earth, mission specialist Jeremy Hansen radioed Mission Control with a special request. Here is the transcript of the proposal:

“A number of years ago, we started this journey in our close-knit astronaut family, and we lost a loved one. And there is a feature in a really neat place on the Moon, and it is on the nearside/farside boundary. In fact, it’s just on the nearside of that boundary, and so at certain times of the Moon’s transit around Earth, we will be able to see this from Earth. And so, we lost a loved one. Her name was Carroll, the spouse of Reid, the mother of Katie and Ellie. And if you want to find this one, you look at Glushko, and it’s just to the northwest of that, at the same latitude as Ohm, and it’s a bright spot on the Moon. And we would like to call it Carroll.”

Carroll Wiseman was the late wife of Artemis II commander Reid Wiseman. She died of cancer in 2020 at the age of 46.

After Hansen read the emotional tribute, the entire crew – Jeremy Hansen, Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Koch – wrapped their arms around each other in a loving group embrace. *

When you look at the moon, look for Carroll.

And when you consider the love behind the naming of this moon crater, consider the fact that, in God’s eyes, you are the bright spot on the earth. God loves you and wants you to become a member of His family and live with Him forever. He loves you so much that He gave His one and only Son to die for you so that you can be saved and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16).

God will save you, add you to His family, and give you eternal life when you place your faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from your sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse you from sin and prepare you for an eternal home as you continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7-9).

After Hansen’s proposal to Mission Control, there was 45 seconds of silence as the crew embraced. Then CapCom Jenny Gibbons of Mission Control replied: “Integrity and Carroll Crater. Loud and clear. Thank you.”

Hear this message from God “loud and clear”: He loves you, gave His Son to save you, and wants you to be with Him forever.

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from “Artemis II crew tearfully proposes to name moon crater after astronaut Reid Wiseman’s late wife” by Francie Ebert and Denise Chow of NBC News, www.nbcnews.com.