

BARBARA LIND GORDON GIESLER

She first appeared in my life on the arm of my uncle. Barbara Lind Gordon married John Giesler in 1957. From then on, besides being an integral part of the Gordon clan, she became an integral part of the Giesler family, too.

Two of Barbara's many admirable attributes are her calmness and her caring. In the midst of what might be chaotic to others, she is calm and able to cope and to bring order. This applies to kindergarten classroom situations as she taught for many years in North Carolina as well as to life threatening medical emergencies far away from home.

Barbara cared for her students above and beyond. She sometimes supplied their napping blankets and towels and always took them home to clean them for the children.

She always cares for her family in the most loving ways. Barbara and John served in Nicaragua in the Moravian mission field from 1958-1969. While there Barbara taught her oldest child to be strong and independent when Debby was very young and dealing with Perthes disease in her leg. She cared for her husband, John, through Guillian-Barre virus and other medical problems while living in remote areas of Nicaragua. She home schooled her four children using Calvert lessons by mail.

Barbara remained calm in Miami while hurricane Andrew swept over her home in 1992 while the Gieslers were there ministering to the Moravian congregations of the area. She cared for her parents in their mature years moving them to Winston-Salem to be nearby. She nurtured her four children and eight grandchildren through the difficult growing years. She hosted, with grace and kindness, Grandma Giesler and me and many others in her home in Nicaragua and in other homes throughout the U.S.

Barbara is a joy to know and a Moravian tried and true with faith and caring beyond measure. Certainly she is an inspiration to me and to her family at large and to many other Moravian women.

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