

Barbara Jayne Richards

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Oh how I will miss dear Barbara and her insightful lessons, comments in Relief Society! In fact, it was just this past Sunday, in Relief Society, that I learned Barbara was breathing her last breaths. I left that day to catch a plane for a family vacation to Costa Rica, taking the red-eye overnight, and as our plane descended for landing I awoke to the rising sun, floating in the air above the clouds. I had the most glorious feeling as I looked out, and immediately thought of Barb— not only walking, but FLYING free among the clouds with the rising sun lifting her to a new day. I had no proof she had passed but I knew it to be true. Oh you wonderful people, family of Barb's! And Nadine! You gave her a good life. You lifted her and now she has been lifted up to the great and glorious. I'm reveling in Costa Rican fun and thinking of Barb. Bless you all this Christmas season.

- Gail Williamsen

Dear Nadine - I just heard of Barb's passing today -12/16/23. As you know, Barb was my colleague at the UU during her time there, and I can vouch for her wonderful interactions with students. A superb teacher with a nice sense of empathy when needed. We shared MANY MANY student activities together, with Barb providing valued input and guidance that helped move the projects along. In fact you were involved with several of our ETA Sigma Gamma meetings in your home. I'm sorry for your loss Nadine. My thoughts are with you.

- Onie Grosshans