



## Barbara Ann Kentler

December 23, 1961 - March 20, 2025

Barbara Gordon Kentler, 63, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville.

She was born on December 23, 1961 in the boogie down Bronx, New York, to the late Richard Gordon and Beatrice DeFiglio Gordon. Barbara was a fashion illustrator and worked throughout the garment industry. She was well known for her gorgeous sketches, designs, and yearly "beautiful lady" Christmas cards. She enjoyed dancing, baking, "shop til you drop" sessions, collecting art, Barbie dolls, jewelry, and most importantly shoes!

Barbara is survived by her husband, Brian A. Kentler; children, Brittany Batista (Daniel), Brendan Kentler, Brooke Kentler; sister, Gail G. Mulligan (William); brother, Richard Gordon (Maria); grandson, David and one granddaughter on the way; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 23 from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 6:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209 and/or S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115 and/or Piedmont Crossing-Thomasville, 100 Hedrick Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Kentler family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Prayer Service

MAR 23. 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Im late to writing , seems like I just can't put all my words together! I had the pleasure of meeting Barbara in 2023. We immediately were drawn to each other! I found myself drawn to her like a magnet! Though I didn't know her in her younger years, I'm enjoying reading y'all's stories. When I met her she didn't always say a whole lot but we she did it was something so good!! She loved to dance, we would turn on the music and just have a good ole time! Her rhythm was on point!! and her smile, well it would light up the room! She left a big impact on my heart! I'm grateful to have called her friend! My thoughts and prayers to the family💕💕 Brian, you always took the best care with her! I always loved seeing y'all together! You were her safe place and I could see the peace on her with you around. You and your family did an amazing job taking care and loving her! God bless!*

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**Angela Turner** - May 06, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *It has taken a bit for me to digest everything that has gone on the past 3 plus days. What do you say in times like these. I will always remember you Gigs, always in my thoughts.*

*Gigs as my brother and I called her was the person who got me into painting. She always had a smile on her face, always laughing and enjoying life. Growing up, it was always the same group.. Gigs, Sean, Mom(Gail) Bewee, and myself going to the beach.*

*this is hard as I was scheduled to drive up in a few weeks to see her and the rest of the family.*

*you will be missed Gigs.. say hello to Bewee and enjoy the shoes.*

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**Brendan McGovern** - March 24, 2025 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dawn Hernandez - March 23, 2025 at 09:50 PM

DH

“ Well my dear friend.....it has taken me the past three days to digest all of this. There are countless memories that are in my head and all the fun we had shopping, meeting every single night you and BeeWee for our bus ride home from work...we must throw Gail in there because she was part of our cahoots. Your smiling face, your laugh and your flamboyant I don't give a shit attitude and most of all your heart of gold. You were always there for me and a true friend. We were both pregnant together with our first child and Brittnay and Joseph were to be born in the same day. We did so much together. Of course we can't forget the moment Brian stepped in both of our lives, on the cold blustery December night as we trapsed up Fifth Avenue to go see the Rockefeller Christmas Tree lighting and who did we meet the man of your dreams...Brian. All I am going to say is...my friend you will never be forgotten, you will always be in my heart. Just shop to you drop up there, party like there's no tomorrow with BeeWee and send me the sign when there is a great shoe sale! When we meet again we will continue our antics and keep going like we never left each other! I love you so much Seesta' 💜💜💜💜💜

Dawn Hernandez - March 23, 2025 at 09:49 PM

KY

“ Barbara was a beautiful soul and my memories of her will be with me forever. Barbara was a wonderful friend and 3 of the things that I loved the most about her was her smile, the strong and true love she had for her family, and her sense of style! She will be remembered with love and missed so much!  
To Brian and her children I would like to express my sincere condolences. May God grant you strength and grace. Rest in peace sweet friend 💜

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**Kayce M. Young** - March 23, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MI

“ To my dear friend, Barbara,  
From the first day we met there was this amazing mutual connection that we both felt. You and your family became an important part of our family, The wonderful memories and fun we had at the Renaissance every year Christmas parties, New Year's parties, our trips to blowing rock,  
  
share birthdays will ever be etched in our hearts. You were such a talented artist and an amazing makeup artist .you are a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who always had a smile. You were one of the kindest person I have ever been lucky enough to know. You would do anything for the people you cared about. There is no goodbyes for us. You will always be in my heart because I have a trail and beautiful memories. I know you will watch over your family, and May God keep you Wrapped in his arms.

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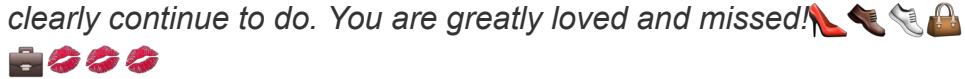
**Mary Lou Inzinna** - March 23, 2025 at 09:14 AM

HS

“ I have so many fabulous memories with Barb! All starting with cosmetics.

There was a story that I shared with Brian that you can read. I have been waiting for a fitness class to instruct with a gym that I subcontract with for months. Soon after Brian let me know about Barbara, that day I received confirmation of a class to teach for memory loss seniors in my area.

Thank you Barbara for your giving and encouraging ways that you clearly continue to do. You are greatly loved and missed!



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**Holly Smith** - March 23, 2025 at 07:59 AM

AA

I have so many beautiful and happy memories with my dear friend Barbara. Barbara and I met while I was in Rye playland on the beach. I had a boom box playing and she came over and introduced herself and said I have to join you and your friends because I played her kind of music that was the day that we became lifetime friends we further continued our friendship through Cosmetics. Our children had many play dates. We have so many beautiful memories together, and I will cherish every one of them till we meet again she was a one of a kind, loving, beautiful person. I am so grateful that she was a part of my life. May you rest in peace, my friend You'll be truly missed. Love you forever, April.

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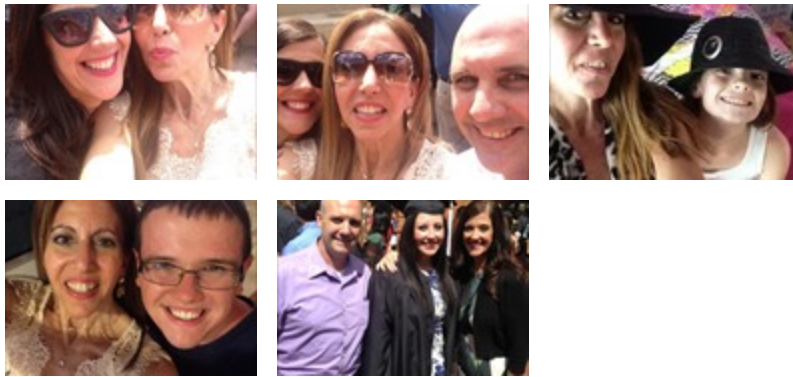
**April Alberti** - March 23, 2025 at 08:44 PM

HS

“ There are so many fabulous memories with Barb! I told Brian something wonderful that happened the day that he shared the information about Barbara with me. I had been waiting to receive a fitness class instruction from a gym that I subcontract with for months now. Soon after Brian let me know, I received confirmation to instruct memory loss seniors in my area.

Thank you Barbara for always giving and sharing which you clearly contribute to do.

You are greatly missed! 👠 👡 👣 👜 👛 💋 💋 💋



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**Holly Smith** - March 23, 2025 at 07:48 AM

RG

“ Hey Baby Sis, I'm so sorry you got robbed of so much life. I'll never forget your love , your gentleness and your beautiful smile.... Ill see you later, Love Rich .ps say Hi to Mom

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**Richard Gordon** - March 23, 2025 at 02:41 AM

PG

“ Our deepest sympathies for your sad loss. May the Perpetual Light shine upon Barbara! Patsy and Roger

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**Patsy and Roger Gauss** - March 22, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry for your lost. I only knew her for a short time but she was such a firecracker. Please let me know if you need anything..... Jessica

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**Jessica Maliszewski** - March 22, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ I REMEMBER  
I remember always smiling and laughing every time I served her a drink.  
I remember her Epic and Endless shopping sprees.  
I remember her saying”There was never enough women’s black dress pants for sale”.  
I remember the sound of her calling Brian whether she was happy, mad or afraid, she knew he was always there to answer her call. He was her rock and her love.  
I remember the pride and joy in her face when she spoke about her children with the protectiveness of a lioness guarding her cubs.  
I remember her love and loyalty for her sister Gail, sharing the best and worst of times, laughing & crying but always there for each other.  
Lastly, I feel jealous that I know you are dancing and singing with David Bowie every nite.  
Please reserve a large table down the road when we see each other again.  
All our lives were made better because of you!  
LOVE YOU BILL (your bartender and brother-in-law)

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**Bill Mulligan** - March 22, 2025 at 04:44 PM

GG

“ To my beautiful sister Barbara.  
I have so many memories of our lives together that I would need a book to write them all in but my very first memory is the day our mom BeeWee brought you home! You looked like a beautiful porcelain doll! You were my very own living doll!  
All the memories we shared with you, me, BeeWee, Sean & Brendan doing everything together are priceless and fills my heart with happy! You were like my daughter as you were only 7 years older than my son Sean.  
These last 8 years have been very hard especially the last 3 but having the thousands of memories of my family and yours especially your children has kept me going. I will miss you so much that my heart aches but you are part of my heart that will keep on beating forever.  
I know you are in a beautiful place hanging with BeeWee drinking a caramel baileys on the rocks with BeeWee having a White Russian!  
Show em how it's done!

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**Gail Gordon-Mulligan** - March 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM

DH

I am sending you all my love prayers and thoughts! Barbara was one special person to all that knew her. I am sure she is partying with BeeWee.

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**Dawn Hernandez** - March 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

PA

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Charlie and Pauline Mc Nally  
Toronto

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**Pauline** - March 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM

BJ

“ *May you find everlasting peace and joy in the arms of the angels..With our Deepest Sympathy to all the Family .. from your New York cousins. Barbara & Tom Johnson*

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**Barbara Johnson** - March 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *There is so much that I'm going to miss about my Aunt Barbara. My brother and I called her Giggles because she was always laughing. When we all lived close together in the Bronx, we did EVERYTHING together. Mom, Gigs, BeeWee, my brother and I were inseparable through thick and thin back in the day. She was very much like my big sister as we listened to a lot of the same music, when we'd go to the beach, we would both swim out as far as we could and would both love to irritate BeeWee to no end. Even after we all moved away, I loved getting her Xmas cards and calling her to catch up. The last 8 years were especially hard, but I know she's in a better place. There is so much I will miss, but I have thousands of memories to cherish.*

*Love you Gigs!*

*Sean*

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**Sean McGovern** - March 22, 2025 at 10:07 AM