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Janet (Graham) de Araujo

Class of 1950

Janet (Graham) de Araujo went from Grove City to Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing for her nursing degree. She then returned to her birthplace of Brazil as a missionary nurse. From 1953 to 1959 she served as an independent missionary with the Evangelical Union of South America as nurse in the Evangelical Hospital of Anapolis, Gotas, and was also director of the Escola de Enfermagem Florence Nightingale.

De Araujo returned to the United States to earn her master's degree in education. She became a nurse and nursing instructor at Grace Memorial Hospital in Brazil, where she worked with her sister, Violet, and Violet's husband, Dr. Jonas Dias de Araujo. In 1971 the hospital was closed and Dr. de Araujo started a rural medical consultation and surgery center. Janet Graham stayed to help at the new facility, where they dispensed medicine, tended the sick and performed surgery.

Throughout the years, Mrs. de Araujo was active in Brazilian life. She was a Sunday school teacher and choir director in the Igreja Presbiteriana de Brasil in Anapolis and Wagner, and for three years was president of Young Adults. She also served as an independent missionary with the Evangelical Union of South America.

De Araujo belonged to two professional organizations: the Associação Brasileira de Enfermeiras and the Conselho Regional de Enfermagem de Bahia. The de Araujos reopened the Grace Memorial Hospital in Wagner, Brazil, and Mrs. de Araujo was director of nurses. She also taught nursing at the Escola AgroPecuária Afranto Petxoto of Wagner.

She passed away Sept. 6, 2012.

Additional degrees: B.S. Nursing, Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing; Master's degree, Columbia University

