



Justin's  
and Jeff's  
surrogate  
grandmother



**W**hen tragedy came calling, our long-time friend, Doris Legette, was one of four people who spread the rumor that I killed Margene. Of course, I didn't, but Doris wouldn't even speak to me for two and a half years. In the summer of 2012, she finally called to apologize. Rather than bless her out, I chose simply to let bygones be bygones. She and Mel were close friends of ours for some thirty years, having frequently invited us for fun-filled weekends at their beautiful cottage on Lake Hartwell. Although their children were grown, Doris and Mel always insisted that we bring Justin and Jeff, and treated them like they were their own grandchildren. It didn't seem right to dismiss the kindness Doris had shown our family over the years just because she made a mistake, something we all do from time to time. From the day she called me that summer, we stayed in close touch until her passing in January 2014. We love you, Doris!