



Linda Marie Freeze Bengé

December 1, 1946 - May 31, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Linda Marie Freeze Bengé, who left us peacefully on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the age of 78. She is now in her eternal home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Linda was born on December 1, 1946, in Rowan County to Floyd and Sallie Parker Freeze.

Linda was educated in the Rowan County School System and East Rowan High School where she was quite the basketball player. She graduated in 1965. She also attended Catawba College where she studied business and accounting.

Linda was a beloved member of the community, known for her kindness, generosity, and love of the Lord. For over 40 years, Linda dedicated her life to the children of Nazareth Children's Home where she held many titles including Superintendent for 7 years and Director of Human Resources for 10 years. Linda also served as Secretary, Bookkeeper, House Parent and assisted in many other ways working directly with the children. Linda also served on the board for Rowan County DSS. She left a lasting impact on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Linda played a pivotal role in securing funding for the children's home over her many years of service, demonstrating her remarkable ability to rally support and resources when it mattered most. She developed special relationships with philanthropists throughout Rowan and the surrounding counties where her dedication and strategic vision were key in turning goals into reality. Linda was recognized by President George W.

Bush, receiving the Point of Light Award as a faithful servant to the children of her community. The Salisbury Post also dubbed her Rowan County's Mother Teresa in a news article.

Linda was very instrumental in raising funds and support for the East Rowan (Saleeby-Fisher) YMCA where she served on its board. She was also a driving force in the refurbishing of the original children's home building, now Nazareth Community Church where she is a charter member. Linda had a passion for crosses, and she was known to hand them out to everyone she came in contact with as a way to share her faith. She loved all things birds and flowers.

Linda is survived by her only child, Mark Benge and wife Debbie; granddaughter, Shelby Benge and wife, Kali; grandson, Mason Benge; Step-Grandchildren, Meagan Threatte and husband Joey; Matthew Corl and wife Ashley; Murphy Corl and fiancé Nicole; Great Grandchildren, Thaddeus (who preceded her in death) and Thatcher Threatte; Emery, Evelyn and Elinor Corl; Sutton Corl. Linda had a special relationship with one of her charges from Nazareth, Audrey Skipper, who was a faithful companion and was more like a daughter. The family appreciates Audrey and Linda's cousin, Diane Davis, for stepping into the caregiver roles to allow Linda to remain in her home as long as possible as her health failed. Linda will also be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, and her church family.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 2pm-3pm at Nazareth Community Church. A memorial service will be held at 3pm conducted by her friend and pastor, Mike Shoaf, with graveside services immediately following in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Nazareth Community Church or the East Rowan YMCA.

We invite all who knew and loved Linda to celebrate her life and legacy.

Linda's spirit will forever remain in our hearts, and we will forever remember her sign off, "God Bless you, Honey".

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Benge family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Nazareth Community Church Cemetery

Rockwell, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Nazareth Community Church
856 Crescent Rd
Rockwell, NC 28138
(704) 279-0505

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Nazareth Community Church
Rockwell, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Marie Freeze Bengé*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - June 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Lou Morgan lit a candle in memory of Linda Bengé*



Lou Morgan - June 04, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ *Offering up condolences Mr. Bengé, unto you and your Family. Retain the Precious Memories of your Mother.*

Stanley Rice - June 04, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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“hey grammy I am glad you are not in any pain nor sickness no sorrow I know you wanted us to go to heaven together but god needed you so you want be suffering hey I miss you so much you took care of me when I came to nazareth children’s home you took us in as your own children we were took very care of when we were little we had good times together and we loved you for that and when I grew up we took care of each other and we had some good time together I took care of you for many years and I will cherish t those memories we went to church together she always wanted me in church we had some good times with our church she loved her church family very much and I thank you for what you have done for me and grammy she loved talking about the lord all the time hey I can’t wait for jesus to call me home and I can’t wait to join you in heaven one day fly high my angel and I can’t wait to walk those streets of gold with you one day go rest high on that mountain tell skittles I said hey and I love her hey I know you are watching over me when I see flowers and butterfly’s I will think of you and the good times we had fun watering your flowers. love you audrey,skittles



Audrey skipper - June 03, 2025 at 01:06 PM

LM

Linda was my classmate, my friend, and my neighbor. I always enjoyed being around her, as she was one of the sweetest and kindest people I know.

Linda Lefler Merrell

Linda Lefler Merrell - June 03, 2025 at 04:39 PM

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Sorry I will miss her final time at our church and felt privileged to have visited her in High Point with the ladies of the church

Rhonda Morgan - June 03, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ From the time that I was placed at nazerath with my siblings Linda took us in and treated us like we were her own through out the years after I left nazerath Linda was always there for me through the birth of my kids and the death of my son she always talked about the lord and how she loved the lord and couldn't wait to go to heaven,well your in heaven now Linda with the lord and angels,rest in peace till I see you again in heaven..... Yvonne skipper

yvonne - June 02, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Marie Freeze Benge.

June 02, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Freeze Benge.



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