



Linnea Margit Wesander Bailey

October 27, 1931 - December 17, 2023

Mrs. Linnea Margit Wesander Bailey, loving wife, mother and grandmother, 92, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Novant Health / Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House with her family present. She was born October 27, 1931, in Mass City, Michigan, to the late Nestor and Katrin Wesander.

Linnea was a dedicated and active church member, involved in the past in Youth Groups at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Statesville, NC. She attended Holy Trinity for 50 plus years.

Linnea taught at Bethel Lutheran Church Kindergarten from 1978 – 1989. One of her greatest joys was encountering a former student and discovering what they had become in their life's journey. She received the Rowan County Literary Council Award for Extraordinary Volunteer Service in 2003. In 2006 she received the Friends of Rowan Public Library "Friend of the Year" Award. Being an avid reader made her an enthusiastic Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy viewer, often knowing the answers before the contestants did. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Clarence Bailey. Linnea met Clarence at Great Lakes Naval Station on a blind date, and it was "Love at First Sight". From Great Lakes they moved to Norfolk, Virginia and then on to Louisiana, Maryland, and North Carolina. In Louisiana they first lived in the LSU student housing in the old WWII Quonset Huts. Linnea enjoyed travel and history, and when the family moved to Maryland in 1965, she made sure they all visited the many national monuments and museums,

multiple times. When Clarence served his two weeks Active Reserve duty it became a family cross-country camping trip, staying at any and all National Parks along the way. Linnea also enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son David and wife Karen, and their son, Dustin of Southport; her daughter Patti of Graham; and her son Steven of Salisbury.

The family will receive friends from 11am to 12pm, Thursday December 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Statesville. The funeral service will follow at noon at the church, officiated by Pastor Lloyd Ginn. Burial will be Friday December 22 at 10am, at Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 465 Hartness Road, Statesville, NC 28677.

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

Cemetery Details

U.S. National Cemetery

1601 Brenner Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
465 Hartness Rd
Statesville, NC 28677-3314
(704) 873-3591

Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Statesville, NC

Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

U.S. National Cemetery
1601 Brenner Ave.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Linnea has been a sweet neighbor of ours for over 50 years. Two of her children were in my science classes . Her whole family was an asset to our community. She was always involved in community, neighborhood and church activities . She cared about her neighbors and we cared about her. She would often call to see how we were doing . My wife enjoyed the cookie trade off she had many Christmases through the years: Each family would bake a few dozen cookies and meet to trade cookies and recipes. She will be missed. God is blessing her now! Jeff and Phyllis Warner*

Jeffrey Warner - December 21, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linnea Margit Wesander Bailey.*



December 19, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linnea Margit Wesander Bailey.*



December 19, 2023 at 07:12 PM

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“ *Linnea was the sweetest person. I'm so sorry to hear about her passing. Praying for peace and comfort for her family. She will be greatly missed.*

JoAnn Blackstock - December 19, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Linnea Margit Wesander Bailey.*



December 19, 2023 at 04:30 PM

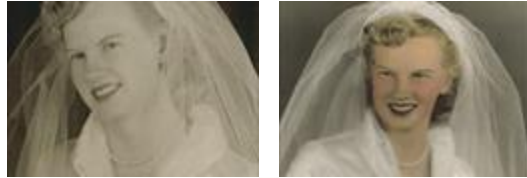
GF

“ *Lin, was always so kind and gentle. So soft spoken. The Bailey's had been our neighbors across the street for 54 years. Couldn't ask for better neighbors. Even though the last few years when health keep them from visiting as before, Mama and Mrs. Bailey talked to each other on the phone at least twice a week. She loved her family so much. We are going to miss you Mrs. Bailey. Knowing you are resting in the arms of Jesus. And spending Christmas in Heaven with Mr. Bailey, the Love of your life. Soar high with the Angels. We Love and will miss you. Ruth Martin and Glenda (Martin) Fuller*

Glenda (Martin) Fuller - December 19, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - December 18, 2023 at 12:03 PM

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Our prayers are with Linnea and her Family from the Vincent Family in Monument, Colorado

Gerald Vincent - December 22, 2023 at 01:47 PM