



Diane Bozeman Ballard

November 7, 1953 - May 24, 2025

Visitation

Friday 5/30/2025

12 Noon - 2:00 PM

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Guin, AL

Service

Friday 5/30/2025

2:00 PM

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Guin, AL

Burial

Liberty Cemetery

Guin, AL

Diane Bozeman Ballard, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2025, at the age of 71. Born on November 7, 1953, Diane's life was marked by her exceptional intellect, boundless generosity, and remarkable talents that touched countless lives.

A true academic, Diane was the valedictorian of Marion County High School's

Class of 1972 and graduated at the top of her class at Bevil College. Her passion for learning extended beyond her own achievements; she was a phenomenal math tutor, helping many individuals excel in their studies, from elementary school to college courses and even workplace advancement. Her dedication to helping others succeed was truly inspiring.

Diane was also an extraordinary caregiver, known for selflessly supporting family and friends, embarking on new chapters, or navigating life's final stages. Her compassion and support provided comfort and stability to those who needed it most. Beyond her nurturing spirit, Diane was an incredible cook. Her skills were legendary throughout the community. She was also an expert sewer, lovingly clothing hundreds of children with her exceptional talents.

Diane was preceded in death by her devoted parents, Fred and Mary Dean Bozeman.

She is survived by her loving children, son Tim Palmer (Mendy) of Tuscumbia, AL, and daughter Kathy Thomas (Shannon) of Boaz, AL; bonus daughter Tina Barley (Terry) of Hamilton, AL; cherished grandchildren Miles Nesbitt (Brooklyn) of Tuscumbia, AL, Kennedy Montgomery of Tuscumbia, AL, Harrisyn Thomas of Boaz, AL, and MacKenzie Gilstrap of Spruce Pine, AL. She also leaves behind three adored great-grandchildren, Mark Rylan Nesbitt, Eli Montgomery, and Warren Montgomery. Diane is also survived by her brothers, Randle Bozeman (Hilda) of Brilliant, AL, David Bozeman (Becky) of Guin, AL, and Mickey Bozeman (Terri) of Guin, AL; and her sister Debbie McMillan (Ronald) of Myrtle Beach, SC.

The family extends a special thank you to her compassionate hospice nurses, Zoie Merchant and Lauren Cox, and to her "bestie" and special caregiver, Keitha Campbell, for their exceptional care and support.

Services will be held Friday, May 30, 2025 at 2:00 PM from the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church with burial in the adjoining cemetery. Bro. Terry Barley officiating. Pallbearers will be Miles Nesbitt, Drew Childers, Allen Garrison, Sully Garrison, Robin Tyra, and Jamie Berryhill.

Her legacy of kindness, intelligence, and unwavering dedication to her family and community will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Cemetery Details

Liberty Cemetery

County Road 37
Guin, AL 35563

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
County Hwy 37
Guin, AL 35563

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Veal Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Diane Bozeman Ballard



Veal Memorial Funeral Home - May 29, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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What a beautiful life lived. She was surrounded in love and so very blessed. Now she is made whole and walking with Jesus.

Beverly Kennedy - May 29, 2025 at 11:20 PM

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“ *Rest in peace, Diane. I'll never forget all the fun times we had at school and on our bus rides to and from school. You were a good friend.*

Teri Fox - May 28, 2025 at 11:29 PM