



## Belveia J. Benzenhafer

November 25, 1940 - July 4, 2014

Belveia Benzenhafer age 73 passed away July 4, 2014

A native of Charlotte N.C. She is the daughter of Hubert Manor and Flonnie Willingham. She was married to Phillip Benzenhafer Jr. Who preceded her in death. She is survived by her son Dana Ange and his wife Susan Myers, her grandchildren, Joseph, Nichole, Lauren, Courtney and Jack, great-grand children, Nathaniel, Nicholas, Khalil and Emmalee. Her sister Delores Lanier, brothers Dale and Ricky Manor as well as numerous niece's and nephews. Belveia was a very social person who had many lifelong friends whom she loved and considered them to be family. She attended The Governor Morehead School For The Blind in Raleigh N.C. After college she was employed by the Metrolina Association For The Blind for 30+ years. She also dedicated her time to The National Federation Of The Blind as well as church and other organizations. Her activities with children, music, playing cards, games, puzzles and reading a good book gave her so much pleasure.

Her awe inspiring independence and fierce determination make her rememberable to all who knew her, and many who knew of her. Blindness didn't hinder Belveia from venturing out for a walk or a shopping trip. She was more considerate of other peoples needs than of her own. Now that she is with God we know that she's is happy and God now has his Special Angel.

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28212

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

JUL 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Belveia J. Benzenhafer*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Belveia J. Benzenhafer*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *My emotions are so mixed at this moment. I am so terribly sad that you suffered and passed away without my knowledge; however, my heart soars because I know you are completely healed and can see the beautiful birds, flowers and all of God's beauty now that you have been made whole.*

*I will forever remember your beautiful, unassuming heart and your instinct about what was happening around you. I still chuckle about the only time those instincts failed you when Ian and I caught you off-guard about the livermush. The strength in your thumbs was phenomenal and you would ease our pain through our feet like no other.*

*I thank God that he brought us together, if only for a brief time, and I mourn my loss but rejoice in your gain. Soar, Belveia, and I know we will meet again.*

*Pam Harrington  
Weddington, NC*

**Pam Harrington** - February 06, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *A friend is the present you give yourself. I don't have another friend like Belvie. She forgive my shortcomings; asks very little from me, but would give me the shirt off her back; and more considerate seemly of my needs than her own. No, because God placed no other person in my life like her the pain of losing her will be with me tell we meet again in glory.*

*Love you Belvie*

**will wortham** - November 25, 2014 at 05:16 PM

WW

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELVIA  
LOVE YOU MISS YOU*

**WILL WORTHAM** - November 25, 2015 at 08:15 PM

LA

“ *I remember Belveia used to watch me and my brother(s) sometimes when we were little...she was a gentle and caring person. She touched many lives!*

*Lia (Hudkins) Anderson*

**Lia Anderson** - July 10, 2014 at 08:26 PM

SL

“ *Stretch And Andrea Layman sent a virtual gift in memory of Belveia J. Benzenhafer*



**Stretch and Andrea Layman** - July 10, 2014 at 11:10 AM

PA

“ *Paul And Ruby Ange sent a virtual gift in memory of Belveia J. Benzenhafer*



**Paul and Ruby Ange** - July 10, 2014 at 11:06 AM

AL

“ *Dear Aunt Belveia,  
Just heart felt wishes to Dana and his family, So many  
good times with you and the family. You are in heaven now  
and you make me smile.*

*Love,  
Andrea Ange Layman*



**Andrea Ange Layman** - July 10, 2014 at 11:03 AM

A:

“ Aunt Belveia,



*I just wanted to say thank you for all the memories.  
Especially letting me read and*

*look at your books, and when we were laying in your study in the dark and you  
told us*

*that scary story of the man who had to look for some liver. You really had us all  
scared*

*and I don't think any of us got much sleep. You were gifted with storytelling!! And  
if some  
thing was wrong you would tell me!*

*I have good thoughts of the smell of that banquet chicken and it was so great. I  
still get the pot pies and the box chicken today.*

*And I will remember you walked with Jesus each step of the way.*

*always remember your smile.*

*And when you had Cinder, that was special to me and I loved Black Labs every  
since.*

*You made Dana into a good man, and it reflects in his wife Susie, and their  
children.*

*You are sweet and special and you light up the world with your smile.*

*Now walk in heaven! I am rejoicing with you! .....*

*Love,*

*Andrea Ange Layman*

*neice*

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**Andrea Ange :ayman** - July 10, 2014 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ We love you Belveia and will miss our long conversations. I will miss hearing you and Ricky talking about when you was growing up on the farm and you always being his big sister. He always tells us all about trying to get you to hold out your hand and let him put something in it and would not stop until you did. I could not ask for a better sister-in-law for 47 years. We love you and will always love and miss you. I am sure you are singing "If you could see me now I am walking on streets of gold" and to think the first face you seen was Jesus. WOW praise God. Love you Ricky and Diane Manor



Diane Manor - July 08, 2014 at 10:26 PM

FP

“ Frances Parnell Parrish lit a candle in memory of Belveia J. Benzenhafer



Frances Parnell Parrish - July 08, 2014 at 10:15 PM

FP

I met Belveia when my family took my sister back to school. She and my sister, JoAnne have always been friends. I was so young, but I remember Belveia making me feel special even then. She had a gift for making anyone feel special. As an adult, I knew Belveia to be kindhearted and always welcoming and cheerful. Her home was a "happy place"! I know that now she is in an even happier place and heaven is better for having her there. All of us who knew her are better for having her in our lives.

Frances Parnell Parrish - July 08, 2014 at 10:24 PM

GG

“ I can not expand on what my niece Karyn W. wrote. You started as my sister Kay's dear friend and enriched our whole family by extending your love, support and friendship to us. Not because we are special but because you are.  
S P E C I A L = 11 points.

Garrett Green

Garrett Green - July 08, 2014 at 09:31 AM

GG

“ I can not expand on what my niece Karyn W. wrote. You started as my sister Kay's dear friend and enriched our entire family by extending your love, support and friendship to all of us. Not because we are special, but because you are.  
S+P+E+C+I+A+L = 11 points

Garrett Green - July 08, 2014 at 09:04 AM

CR

“ Dear Belveia,

*You were the Heart of Metrolina Association for the Blind throughout your many years of dedicated service and beyond. As a gifted Secretary, Receptionist, Public Education Speaker, Role Model, Confidant, Mentor and Friend, you blessed MAB clients, staff, and the community with your generous, wise, courageous and uplifting Spirit and talents. As many others have expressed in these Tributes, the memory of your many acts of personal attention with healing, loving, joyful kindness lives in my heart; and, will forever inspire me how to become a better person. Thank you for gracing my life!*

Charla Rose

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Charla Rose - July 08, 2014 at 07:19 AM



SS

*This pretty much sums up exactly what I wanted to say as well. I was so saddened to hear of Belveia's passing, she truly was an inspiration and I am blessed to have spent so many years as her co-worker and friend and will carry those memories with me always.*

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sarah schwartz - July 08, 2014 at 10:30 AM

LC

“ Lilly Cook lit a candle in memory of Belveia J. Benzenhafer



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Lilly Cook - July 07, 2014 at 10:15 PM

MD

“ To Belvia with love from Myra DeBruhl

*Belvia, I didn't know I would shed so many tears when you moved to heaven. You were a safe place in my memory, a place where my thoughts could go and know they were safe. My first day at school it felt like I had been dropped from my daddy's shoulders onto a strange cement porch. You are the one who picked me up and carried me through the halls until I stopped crying. Through the years you quietly grew into a leader, tutoring me through algebra, sweet alto voice giving strength to the rest of us, a witness of what a good citizen really meant. Without words you encouraged me to keep on doing the things I loved by letting me know you loved them too.*

*I expected to cry when I thought of my last visit as we played hymns and listened to the music you loved; but it is other special places I cry for now. The fun time you, Laverne and I walked in the dark with our guide dogs to the strip mall for dinner. Then there was the day you and Laverne came to see me in Raleigh when I was babysitting my colicky granddaughter. You picked her up just like you did me when I was at school, and like me, she stopped crying.*

*Once my tears are dry, when I think of you, your name will cause me to smile. I will hear your patient voice coaxing me on, picking me up, still letting me borrow some of your courage and enthusiasm for life.*

*I love you!*

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**Myra DeBruhl** - July 07, 2014 at 08:54 PM

KW

“ I heard many tales of my aunt KK's good friend Belveia long before I had the privilege of meeting her, which I finally had the opportunity to do only a couple of years ago. As my aunt fought her battle against cancer, Belveia was a great source of comfort and support for all of us. We sat in her living room for hours, playing her addictive anagram game while she doled out her infamous foot treatments to whoever would hold still for one. Visits with Belveia were a welcomed reprieve during difficult times & I was, and still am, so grateful for her kind words, support and generosity of her time and home. I know she meant the world to my aunt Kay and it didn't take long after meeting Belveia to understand why. She was a special soul and it was a honor to have had the chance to have known her, even if it were only for a short time. -Karyn W.

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**Karyn Warren** - July 06, 2014 at 10:55 PM

NC

“ NFB of Mecklemburg County purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Belveia J. Benzenhafer.



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**NFB of Mecklemburg County** - July 06, 2014 at 09:22 PM

SH

“ Dana - please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Belveia was a very special person who did not let her blindness hinder her one bit! We sold our first house in Charlotte to Belveia and I was in awe when she came in to look at it. She touched alot of things and told me what they were! After she moved in I stopped by for a visit and had a cup of coffee with her. Again, I was amazed how she could tell when the cup was full!! She was so special to all the kids in the neighborhood. Yes, she is God's special angel. RIP Belveia.*

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**Sue Buchanan Henry** - July 06, 2014 at 09:17 PM

LG

“ When I was six years old and Belveia was seven and a half we met at the school for the blind in Raleigh NC. We have been best friends out whole lives. We sang and played games together up until now. I will miss her constant advice and sharing everything with her and knowing that she loved me no matter what. I will always love and miss you Belveia. Thank you for being my long life friend

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**laverne gallant** - July 06, 2014 at 07:48 PM

AG

“ Belvia, (or as my sister and I liked to call her Chat) was there for me my whole life. I'm only 17 but in my small circle of family she is one of the first to pass that I was close to. It's a bitter sweetness, I'm glad to know she's in a better place an is reunited with her loved ones, but she will be missed dearly. I know Chat lived a long joy filled life with her grandsons spending one with her and the great church community she had by her side. She enriched my life with her knowledge and the great stories we shared. I love her as if she were my other grandmother. And not a day will pass when I won't think of the huge impact she made in my life. And her love will forever flow through our hearts.

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**Amber Gallant** - July 06, 2014 at 07:47 PM

AG

“ *Belveia has always been a huge rolemodel in my life. Growing up she was like my second grandma. I have so many pleasant memories with her, I spent a lot of time at her house growing up. She taught me many games and I especially remember always wanting to play "bum bum bum" and pick cherries out of her cherry tree. I am so blessed to have known such a beautiful woman growing up*

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**abbey gallant** - July 06, 2014 at 07:41 PM

EH

“ *When we were kids, my brother, Rick, and I, stayed with Belveia and her family for a couple of weeks one summer when our Mom and Dad attended a convention. I was a 14-year-old teenager. Belveia agreed to allow one of my friends to spend the night with me, there in her home. Being teenagers, we snuck out of the house that night after everyone had gone to bed to meet up with several of our friends 1/2 block down the street at the corner. As we were sneaking back into the house just before sunrise, she caught us, red-handed, in the kitchen. She didn't angrily yell at us.... just expressed her deep disappointment in us and our behavior (which, honestly, was worse than being yelled at.). I begged her the next day to please please not tell my parents. (I knew they'd 'ground' me forever.) Her response, "I won't tell them, but I expect YOU to tell them." Nothing more was ever said about it.*

*Forty years later, in a conversation with her and my mom one afternoon, I brought that incident up, laughing about it, and was horrified, at that moment, to realize that my mother knew NOTHING of it. Of course, I had to fully confess right then. Belveia called me over to her, hugged me tight, and said, "I'm SO proud of you... I always had faith that you'd come clean with your mom. I just didn't know it would take 40 years!" We all had a good laugh, and I think I loved her more than ever, at that moment, because her word to a 14-year-old teenage girl had meant so much to her. She promised she'd never tell...that she knew, sooner or later, I would. And she kept my secret. When I heard of her passing, I was so glad that I'd spilled the beans, right there, in front of her, and made her "proud". Rest in peace, Beveia. I always loved you.*

*-Ellen Hartgrove*

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**Ellen Hartgrove** - July 06, 2014 at 05:40 PM

EH

“ *Belvia was a special and much loved member of our 'extended' family for over 40 years. We shared family and life experiences, laughed and cried together, celebrated together, and shared the incredible gift of "friendship". She one of the most kind, caring, compassionate people we've ever known, and will be greatly missed.*

*- Mabel Conder, Rick Conder, and Ellen Conder Hartgrove*

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**Ellen Hartgrove** - July 06, 2014 at 05:25 PM