



Belinda Petropoulos

March 4, 1956 - March 29, 2025

Belinda Sue Petropoulos met her beloved Saviour face to face on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Belinda was born March 4, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Benny Neal Reed and Ruby Catherine Reed. Belinda has four siblings – Deborah Michael, Cindy Brundage, David Portwood (wife Jan) and Cynthia Simpson (husband Bruce). Belinda's parents preceded her in death.

Belinda leaves behind her husband, Dave Petropoulos; stepchildren Jacob, Corie, and Matthew; other family and untold lives that have been influenced by her kindness and investment.

Belinda was a master teacher. She began her teaching career at Hammond Baptist Junior High School teaching English and physical education in 1979. After teaching at the junior high for fourteen years, Belinda moved to Hyles-Anderson College to become the Dean of Woman and to teach several classes, including English, education, and philosophy. She also used her musical talents to train many tour groups and musical ensembles. For twenty-nine years she worked at the college until her retirement in 2022.

Belinda has always been a special person. As a child, according to her sister, she did no wrong! She maintained that testimony throughout her life, striving

to please Jesus in all she did. D.L. Moody said “The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to Him.” Belinda fully consecrated her life to God and the impact she has made is worldwide. She has invested in generations of people who are continuing her legacy and mission to make a difference for the sake of the Gospel and for Jesus Christ.

The world is now a little darker with her bright light no longer shining. Her absence will be felt deeply by those left behind to miss her.

There will be a viewing for Belinda on Friday, April 4, from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Wendell Evans Auditorium at Hyles-Anderson College (8400 Burr Street, Crown Point, IN 46307). The funeral will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 10 am in the Wendell Evans Auditorium. There will be a private burial at Memory Lane Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hyles-Anderson College Evans Auditorium
8400 Burr Street
Crown Point, IN 46307

Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hyles-Anderson College Evans Auditorium
8400 Burr Street
Crown Point, IN 46307

Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Belinda Petropoulos*



Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home - April 04, 2025 at 11:39 AM

“ Mrs. Belinda Petropoulos,
I'm grateful to you

I remember her smile and infectious laughter. She was beautiful, inside and out, every hair set in place. She had a multiplicity of gifts, talents, and skill sets. I was always impressed by her professionalism, it stood out to me, the first time I met her. Mrs. Belinda was always appropriate, always consistent, and she was always prepared.

Mrs. Belinda, held her head up high, she was poised, and she was confident. She walked with a purpose (meaning: her work got done) and she walked in her purpose. (meaning: she served her people) She served: the students and staff, the church ministries, assisted with Weddings, and Showers, Conferences, and College events etc....day and night, when needed.

As I recall, when I began to work with Mrs. Belinda, she impressed upon me the seriousness of her work. Everything had a time and a purpose, a place and reason. I'd like to say, she operated with perfection, everything was in its place. Mrs. Belinda, was adept at just about everything. She was a master of Business Administration. It was important to her that the business of the Dean of Woman's Office be run seamlessly, and it was.

Mrs. Belinda's work involved, office procedures, productivity, paperwork, management and orderliness. However, she had another aim, her roll as Dean of Women, as it pertains to personally serving people. And this in particular, meant much more to Mrs. Belinda.

Mrs. Belinda was about empowering others and building relationships. She was about caring for people, and loving them, in spite of any flaws. She was about going out of her way to comfort. She was about reinstating hope in others. She was about aiding people in need, and finding remedies to help people, during their

healing process, be it the body, soul or spirit. Mrs. Belinda was about building up people. After working with her for several years, I found Mrs. Belinda to be extraordinary in so many ways.

Mrs. Belinda, was also about helping people understand that their potential was bigger than their problems. More times than not, Mrs. Belinda was more concerned about the Humanity and dignity of people. She prayed with students, gave grief counseling and student counseling.

Mrs Belinda also made personal visits to dormitory rooms, or called students to her office, when a students needed extra physical, or emotional support.

Sometimes, she made hospital visits, and facilitated doctor's visits for students. If there were any concerns about a student's physical health and wellbeing, it was checked upon, nothing was insignificant to her. If there was a need, Mrs. Belinda found a way to fill that need, it was her purpose.

I loved watching Mrs. Belinda spend time with students. Her office was filled with laughter, teaching, giving advice about life, having a question and answer time, having discussions with groups of students, telling stories and listening to stories, giving words of encouragement, and sharing testimonies. She was so full of life and joy. Mrs. Belinda was loyal and committed to the students in the College, HB Schools, and especially the Bus Kids. They loved her, and she loved them. Mrs. Belinda was Beloved!!

I admired Mrs. Belinda, she was a role model for me, the staff ladies, and the ladies in the dorms, during the years, I was at the college. Mrs. Belinda taught us to be resilient, steadfast and resourceful. Mrs. Belinda taught us to use our authenticity and all that we've learned from her, to make a huge impactful difference in this world. I'm so appreciative of her dedication and hard, important work, all these many years.

I'm very grateful that Mrs. Belinda chose me, as one of her

Dormitory Supervisors. I was so honored. I learned a wealth of knowledge from Mrs. Belinda, she taught me the gifts of teaching, counseling, and care giving. I was honored to have been able to work alongside of her and Ms. Ryland, in Dean of Women's Office, it meant the world to me.

I'm grateful to have learned from Mrs. Belinda, her attributes, of compassion, commitment, courage, and "how to love people." As I look back and think, on my college studies, and career, I'm overwhelmed by the thousands of young ladies, who came through the dormitories of Hyles-Anderson College. I believe everyone could attest, that Mrs. Belinda gave her all each day, from the break of day to the midnight hours. She did everything with excellence. She never left things unfinished. Mrs. Belinda left a huge imprint on all of our hearts. Her presence will be remembered forever.

We were all very fortunate to have been influenced by Mrs. Belinda. I feel grateful, to have had the experience and presence of a dynamic leader. She taught me a plethora of life skills. "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above Rubies" Proverbs 31:10

One day, Mrs. Belinda, contacted me and gave me the opportunity to sing with Mr. Robin Lion, and the Hyles-Anderson Choral group. I was asked to record a Christmas CD for the college. I remember that Mrs. Belinda worked with me for several days. And I was so honored, that she took a chance on me, and taught me to sing.

I was quiet and kept to myself, most of the time, when I was a student. Mrs. Belinda, helped me to know and to understand my value. She taught me etiquette, and she taught me decorum. Mrs. Belinda taught me how to work with people in a way, that would not offend, but enabled them to feel valued. Mrs. Belinda was such a true blessing to me, and I'm grateful for her example and loving heart.

Mrs. Belinda was an extraordinary Servant of God. I'm grateful for the time I had with her, for the growth I gained, and the wisdom I received. from her. Her leadership and influence has made a significant impact in this world. Her presence will be sorely missed !!!

I learned from my Dad, that we can be heard from Heaven....So, Mrs. Belinda, I want to thank you for your faithfulness to our Heavenly Father and to Hyles-Anderson College. I want to thank you for your faithfulness in training and encouraging students to do God's will and His work, in any capacity.

*Jude 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:
Jude 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;
hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of HIS glory with exceeding joy,

Stepping Ashore

A poem by James Buchanan Coats (1901-1961)

*Just think of stepping on shore
And finding it heaven,
Of touching a hand and finding it God's,
Of breathing new air and finding it celestial
Of waking up in glory and finding it home.*

Heaven's gates have opened and welcomed a Queen. ☐ 🕊️ 🌺 🙏

From Sonji Shepherd

Sonji Roi Powdrell-Shepherd - April 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM

NB

“ You left footprints 🦶 in my heart and my life. See you in heaven.

Norma Bostick - April 05, 2025 at 11:04 AM

EA

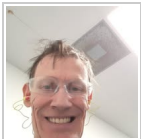
“ Thank you for Loving me/us! especially when we needed it the most! You touched so many life! I am so grateful I had a chance to meet you as a child and then again as a pre-teen. The way you loved me always stuck in my heart ❤️ such an amazing Lady!! Elizabeth Acevedo- your old bus kid (in the 70s) and your old teen girl (in the 80s)

Elizabeth Velazquez Acevedo - April 05, 2025 at 08:41 AM

JS

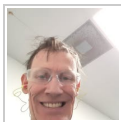
“ Mrs Belinda was one of my mentors in College. Her Godly testimony and her love for the ladies of Hyle's Anderson stood out to me. She had an impact on the loves of so many people thru her English classes, Sunday school, work as the Dean of women and as a Godly woman. I am so glad I got know her for over 11 years during my time in college and after.

Julie Rarrick Stombaugh - April 05, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ Does Roger casteel know if Belinda's death?

Steve Schlink - April 05, 2025 at 06:53 AM



Is Belinda service today going to be live streamed?

Steve Schlink - April 05, 2025 at 06:54 AM



“ *When I first came to HYLES-ANDERSON COLLEGE in 2008, I had remembered Mrs. Belinda very well. I loved her Southern hospitality and how she did things to please the LORD. I never had her for any classes, but I know one hundred percent she was passionate for the LORD. I am praying for the family. I recall her and other ladies singing specials in chapel. She will be sorely missed! I am almost in tears thinking of this.*

Keaston Edwards - April 04, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KW

“ Written from the heart 4/30/25

Early this morning I heard of Miss Belinda's move to Heaven. I went straight to my Bible and read/listened to the passage in the plan I'm going through this year. In Joshua 21:13-40 two words were repeated dozens of times - "her suburbs".

As I studied these words, I saw that every area of Miss Belinda's life was a "city" which she ruled with grace and truth. "Her suburbs" were those of us around her in that city or area of her life.

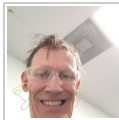
This word "suburbs" means - cast out, driven out, thrust out, separated, common ground, space for the cattle/flocks to roam, live and be cared for by the people of the city. Miss Belinda ALWAYS had her "suburbs" around her!

Hammond Baptist Junior High School teacher, Hyles-Anderson College faculty member, Friendships, Division 5, 89-3, Dean of Women's office, Afternoon Program, Tour groups, Christian Womanhood, and I'm sure more. These were areas around her that were for the common student. A safe place where each student could be fed, led, taught, trained, loved, prepared, grown and matured. Miss Belinda was a loving dynamic lady who believed in common students. If you experienced life in one or more of her suburbs, you know this is the truth because you saw her in action. The bottom line was NEVER "all about Miss Belinda" rather, it was ALL about US! Preparing US to live, love, teach, give, enjoy, learn, influence and demonstrate the everlasting love of Jesus.

Lovin' and missin' you, Miss Belinda. ❤️

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Kathryn wilkie - April 04, 2025 at 09:51 AM



Spare me of all the b.s hyles Anderson expelled me in winter

Steve Schlink - April 05, 2025 at 06:48 AM

EG

“ Mrs Belinda influenced my life as a college girl from 2002-2006. Her encouraging, Christian spirit will always be remembered ❤️ She poured her life into so many girls to help them follow the Lord. I learned so much from her & am so thankful for her being in my life.

Elizabeth Greathouse - April 03, 2025 at 09:26 PM

BS

“ Bailey's Grove Baptist School Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



Bailey's Grove Baptist School Staff - April 03, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



April 03, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Belinda Petropoulos.

April 03, 2025 at 08:02 AM

JT

“ Miss Belinda taught me so much--in college education classes, as she led us spirit leaders, as I worked for her in the Dean of Women's office, and by her example. She had a way of seeing where you needed to grow and helping you know how. She loved the Lord, she loved people, she was a hard worker, she was first class, she wasn't afraid to tell you the truth you needed to hear. I believe I am more effective in ministry because of her. I am so glad she was able to put some of her amazing wisdom in a book before she left us. I was blessed and privileged to have known her. I love you Miss Belinda, and I will miss you!

Julie Tarr - April 02, 2025 at 10:21 PM

DR

“ I did not know Mrs. Belinda as well as others; however she and her husband and HAC ladies tour group stayed with us and other church families when they came to Maine in 1983. Since then, I enjoyed hearing her speak at several ladies' conferences. In recent years I have enjoyed seeing her at church and Sunday school. I know she is legendary at HAC, and will be missed much. Praying for her family and many friends at this time.

Debra Rechlicz - April 02, 2025 at 08:01 PM

PS

“ Miss Belinda was a huge influence on me during my college years ('89-'94.) She taught me almost everything I know about working in the bus ministry, and working with young people, via Division 5/6 and the Afternoon Program. I still remember those volleyball games on Sunday afternoon! 🤔 😊 She MADE me be a spirit leader, and that was probably the experience which helped me most once I became a pastor's wife. She's the only person outside my family I EVER allowed to call me "Pammie" and I loved when she'd call us "chickie"! 😊 Miss Belinda was the "real deal." She will be sorely missed.

Pam Seulean - April 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM

RJ

“ Miss Belinda was my Jr. High English teacher. She was one of the best teachers I ever had. I learned more in her classroom than I did in all my years in college. Her influence in my life is now being passed on to my girls on the mission field. There are not enough words to share all that she taught. Heaven is sweeter with her presence.
Rebekah Johnson

Rebekah Johnson - April 01, 2025 at 08:01 PM

RD

“ Miss. Belinda was a life changer and had the biggest heart. I was just a young bus kid when I met “Miss. Belinda” in the afternoon program. I was part of her teen girls singing which she would say open your mouth when you sing 😭. She encouraged me to join Royal Beret servant group. We learned so much from her and she always called us her girls or chickies and we always knew she loved us no matter what. I remember getting in trouble at church and she sat me down and said Rose I love you and I believe in you and you can make it. She made a bus kid feel important. I will miss her so much and I am so glad I was able to say I love you to her a few days before she passed I am so glad those were the last words she heard from me.

Rose Davenport - April 01, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ I remember working with Belinda in the kitchen. When we had a kick off banquet for the WMS. Pattie Hinman

Pattie Hinman - April 01, 2025 at 08:06 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



April 01, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Belinda Petropoulos.

April 01, 2025 at 07:29 AM

JF

“ Jim Petropoulos family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



Jim Petropoulos family - April 01, 2025 at 06:49 AM

MR

“ Thank you for always believing in me as a teenager in the afternoon program at FBC and because of you change my life as adult and treasure your hug



Mireya Rivera - March 31, 2025 at 08:39 PM

EG

“ She was such an encourager and a believer in a person's potential. So glad I saw her last year to give her one last hug.

Eva Lamboy Gutierrez - March 31, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



March 31, 2025 at 07:45 PM

TF

“ Tony and Maria Rivera and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



Tony and Maria Rivera and family - March 31, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Belinda Petropoulos.



March 31, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Belinda Petropoulos.

March 31, 2025 at 06:49 PM

ST

“ *Belinda was a great friend and will be deeply missed. Always remember her riding the bus with us into Chicago what a Joy it was to see her involved in our lives, and helping us when we were in Chicago helping the children and bringing folks to the Lord. She loved the Division#5 bus and we all loved her too. She had such compassion for us along with those bus kids as well. Belinda, always took out the time to encourage and listen to me when going into her office . She will be missed but know that she's in better place with her Lord. Her SMILE was contagious along with that laugh . Thankyou, for having that compassion and love for others.*

Stephanie - March 31, 2025 at 06:00 PM