



## Ms. Freddie Cox Stroud

June 13, 1946 - December 1, 2025

Freddie Cox Stroud, 79, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2025, at Willow Creek. Born June 13, 1946, in Griffin, Georgia, to Rev. Fred and Carolyne Cox, Freddie lived a life full of music, faith, and love for her family.

Her father, Rev. Fred Cox, had prayed earnestly for a pianist to serve in his church, and God answered that prayer by blessing Freddie with an amazing talent for the piano. She started playing in her dad's church at just six years old. Over the years, she has played in many churches, as well as for funerals, weddings, and other events, bringing joy and touching so many people with her music. She was a dedicated member of Goldsboro Worship Center, where her faith shone brightly.

Freddie was a loving mom to her daughters, Libby Kilette Shambeau and Christie Kilette Taylor (and husband Wayne), and her son, Jonathan Kilette. She held dear to her heart, her brother Steve and sister-in-law Celia Cox as they were a constant source of love, support and prayers throughout the years. She adored her four grandchildren—Ashton Shambeau, Aaron Shambeau (and wife Lindsey), William and Wesley Kilette—and her great-grandchildren, Liam and Luke Shambeau.

She is preceded in death by her parents Rev. Fred and Carolyne Cox and beloved sister Beth Tapia.

Freddie will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her. A remembrance and Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

at Goldsboro Worship Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Goldsboro Worship Center.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Dear Libby, Christie, Jonathan & Families-  
The Wonderful Joyful Spirit Of Your Dearly  
Beloved Mother And Grandmother, Freddie  
Will Forever Be Remembered- Our Families  
Have Shared Many Years Knowing Each  
Other- We Extend Our Sincere Condolences And Prayers On The  
Loss Of Your Dear Mother And Grandmother, Freddie- During This  
Different Season Of Life, May Your Fondest Memories And The  
Everlasting Arms Of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ Grant You  
Comfort, Peace & Strength-  
Blessings & Love-



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**Dorethea Branch & Dennis** - December 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ Jamiyla Portier lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Freddie Cox Stroud



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**Jamiyla Portier** - December 07, 2025 at 08:07 PM

RS

“ Libby and family: Our prayers and condolence are with you. May  
God comfort you and give you peace. We love you.

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**Ron & Shirley Sellers** - December 05, 2025 at 08:49 AM

LS

“ Freddie and I go way back in friendship. We were selling cosmetics together and went to the business seminars together. Had good times, laughs and our friendship grew. One morning I arrived at Freddie’s house and she was cooking a full course meal! I said “what are you doing?” She stated that she had prepared lunch for her three children. I said you must really love them because I tell them to fix a sandwich for lunch. She felt that she had to do it for them. Now that’s Love for Your Children!  
Steven and Jonathan spent hours playing with their GIJoe toys together and that meant so much to Freddie. Seems like it was only about five years ago.  
I talked with Freddie every day for over a year. Already missing her calls. Sometimes she would call at 10:00 Pm and we would talk. She stayed in good spirits especially considering her ailments. She’s out of pain now and now walking again in the Golden City.

Linda Smith - December 04, 2025 at 12:08 PM

PK

“ Paulette Turnage Kanoy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Freddie Cox Stroud



Paulette Turnage Kanoy - December 04, 2025 at 11:03 AM

TW

“ Terry & Betty Jo Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Freddie Cox Stroud



Terry & Betty Jo Walker - December 03, 2025 at 09:00 PM

LS

*Thanks so much, Terry and Betty Jo.*

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**Libby Shambeau** - December 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SG

“ *Aunt Freddie and I were more like sisters since we were the same age. We enjoyed many of the same things and deeply loved one another. I will miss my dear friend but I am so happy she’s now well and rejoicing.*

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**Sharon Godwin** - December 03, 2025 at 07:32 PM

LS

*You two shared a special friendship. Thank you for being a source of support for her. Mama loved you very much.*

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**Libby Shambeau** - December 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM

KF

“ *Ms. Freddie blessed the residents of Brookdale with her piano playing. No doubt in my mind where she is playing now.*



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**Kaye Faircloth** - December 03, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LS

*Thank you Kaye for your kind words. She cared a lot about you.*

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**Libby Shambeau** - December 03, 2025 at 09:11 PM

NB

“ *A good friend. A faith-filled, loving, talented, funny and sweet lady. She will be missed..... Ned Beasley*

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**Ned Beasley** - December 03, 2025 at 05:43 PM

LS

*Thanks so much for your kind words, Ned. She had so much fun spending time with you and your family.*

**Libby Shambeau** - December 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JW

*I loved Freddie could sit for hours and listen to her play the piano. She was such a sweet lady.i will miss her.*

**Jackie walters** - December 04, 2025 at 08:10 AM