

Acknowledgments

The family of Freddie Kay Devone would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your thoughtfulness, prayers, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. Your comforting words, support, and presence—whether near or far—have meant so much to us.

We are deeply grateful for the love and compassion shown by friends and family. Your continued prayers and encouragement are truly appreciated and will always be remembered.

-The Devone Family

The Open Gate

There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone;
And there is a light we cannot see;
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate our loved one
Finds happiness and rest;
And there is comfort
In the thought
That a loving God knows best



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In Loving Memory of



Freddie Kay Devone

October 20, 1957 — August 14, 2025

Friday, August 22, 2025

2:00 pm

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
2017 Galilee Rd, Smithfield, NC 27577

Obituary

Freddie Kay Devone, 67, of Smithfield, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 14, 2025, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Early Life

Freddie was one of 18 children, born into a large and loving family. Growing up with so many brothers and sisters shaped him into a man who valued family, loyalty, and love throughout his life.

Career and Hobbies

He spent many years working in heavy machinery and warehousing, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and reliability. Outside of work, Freddie enjoyed simple but meaningful pastimes. He loved tending his garden, carefully growing fruits and vegetables, and often spent time in his workshop building and creating alongside his brothers and children. His hands were always busy—whether crafting something new or building lasting memories with the people he loved.

Family

Freddie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Deborah Joyce Burgess Devone (1995), and his son, Decarus Burgess (November 4, 2023). He was also preceded by his parents, Jerry and Lillie Mae Devone; his brothers James, Edward, Kenneth, Ray, William, George, and Wade; and his sisters Thelma, Elma, Jean, Jane, and Diane. He leaves to cherish his memory three children: Jeremi Devone, Freddie Devone Jr., and Caron Devone; three beloved grandchildren: Kamori, Lillian, and Isaac; and his siblings: Betty Ingram of Clinton; Jerry Devone Jr. (Maime) of Maryland; Bobby Devone of Newton Grove; John Devone of Clinton; Jimmy Devone (Toni) of Benson; and Jackie Devone (Shirley) of Newton Grove. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family who will continue to honor his memory.

Tribute

Freddie will be remembered for his warm heart, quiet strength, and gentle sense of humor. He had a gift for making others feel valued—whether through a shared laugh, a helping hand, or words of encouragement. His love for family was unwavering, and his legacy of kindness, hard work, and devotion will live on in all who knew him.

Order of Service

Presider

Pastor Anthony Raeford

Invocation

Pastor Shirley Devone

Solo

Pastor Gertie Stevens,
Whosoever Will, Newton Grove, NC

Old Testament

Evangelist Gail Lamb

New Testament

Minister Sharon Beard

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Reginald Lamb

Solo

Denise Lamb

Remarks

(Please limit to 2 minutes)

Acknowledgment/Obituary

Jeremi Devone

Solo

Shelia Williams

Eulogy

Pastor Shirley Devone
Nothing but the Truth Ministry, Goldsboro, NC

Mortician's Brief