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With profound sorrow and enduring love, we announce the peaceful passing of Selita,

who entered eternal rest Tuesday May 05, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and

embraced by the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Selita was a woman of remarkable faith, grace, and quiet strength. She lived a life rooted in

love, compassion, and unwavering devotion to God and to those she held dear.

Her gentle spirit, kind heart, and steadfast prayers were a source of comfort and inspiration to

all who knew her.

A devoted mother, treasured grandmother, beloved sister, aunt and faithful friend, she found

her greatest joy in caring for her family. Her love was unconditional, her wisdom enduring, and

her presence a blessing beyond measure.

Through every season of life, her trust in the Lord remained strong. She carried herself with

humility and grace, offering encouragement, comfort, and love to everyone

around her. Her gentle presence left a lasting impression on every life she touched. Though our hearts are broken by her absence, we find peace in knowing she now rests in eternal glory.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: daughter Kandise Courtney, son Douglas Courtney,

grandchildren Aidon Bourque, Mary Rea and Cealey Courtney, sisters Billye "Bebe" Dietrich,

Debbie Cadena, Lynn Watts, loving boyfriend Steve Galle, along with a host of nieces, nephews,

extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Helen Shimp, brother Bill Shimp,

grandson Carter Bourque, and her beloved Rusty Hobbs.

A celebration of life honoring Selita will be held Saturday May 16, 2026, at St. Paul Church, 800

Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Visitation will be held from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM,

followed by the service at 11:00 AM. Family and friends are lovingly invited to attend as we

honor and celebrate her beautiful life.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude for prayers, love and support. In lieu of flowers

donations can be made to the FCAHS Alumni Association, Carter Bourque Scholarship Fund, 215

Old Highway 49E, Brooklyn, Mississippi.

Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy Beth Porter lit a candle in memory of Selita Lea Shimp



Nancy Beth Porter - 3 minutes ago

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“ Selita was a beautiful lady, caring friend, and an awesome mother. I will always cherish our memories at FCAHS and as life and circumstances brought our friendship back together. Rest in peace sweet lady. Love you dearly. ❤️

Linda Young - 13 minutes ago

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“ Prayers and sympathies to the family and friends.

Nadine Patterson - 46 minutes ago

JG

“ Selita and I met many years ago when she was dating my brother. We remained friends and stayed connected through Facebook. I just wanted to let her family know that I thought the world of her and am so sorry to learn of her passing. May God bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Jean Ulmer Gaskin

Jean Gaskin - 1 hour ago