



## Selma Rae Thornton

May 11, 1951 - April 1, 2026

Selma Rae Thornton, 74, died peacefully at the home of her daughter on April 1, 2026 in Laurel, MS, after she had fought a long battle with liver cancer.

Selma was born in Laurel, MS, on May 11, 1951. She loved her family and was always there to help. She loved sharing stories of her family's history wherever she went. She enjoyed antiquing with her grandson and "getting lost" with her granddaughters on the backroads.

She was received in Heaven by her parents Myra Mae and Jessie Benjamin Moss, Sr.; her sister Lavada Mae Moss; and her first husband John J. Hodge, who she married in 1967 and lost in 1971.

She left behind her second husband Byron C. Thornton, Sr.; her daughter Renee Hodge Davis (Mike); her son Byron C Thornton, Jr.; brother J.B. Moss (Betty); sister Sylvia Murphy; granddaughters Sarah and Rae (Josh); grandson Tyler (Dory); great-granddaughters Ayla, Raeanna, Caroline and Breleigh; and great-grandsons John, Colton, Aubrey and Johnny; as well as many others who called her mom and grandma.

Until we meet again. We love you.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Praying for the family.  
David & Angela Rudolph  
Nell Gieger

Angela Rudolph - April 15 at 02:21 PM

MW

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. God Bless my best friend  
Butch. I love you!!!

Mike Warren - April 08 at 02:41 PM

JT

“ MS Selma was always so sweet & nice each  
time you would see her! She will be missed!  
Thoughts & PRAYERS for each of her Family  
members & Friends!!! 🙏🙏🙏❤️🌻🌹



Janet Thornhill - April 08 at 02:31 PM

SW

“ Hi I am so sorry for this sweet loss. I just saw in the newspaper.  
Prayers for all who loved her. Love. Mrs. Sue Whitehurst

Sue Whitehurst - April 08 at 01:16 PM

GB

“ I love you Aunt Selma, I'm so glad I got to meet you!! You were so  
amazing and kind to me. I'm going to miss you.

Ginger Barber - April 07 at 06:37 PM

LS

“ *Sema was always so fun for me to be around!  
Love her forever. Linda Suttle* ”



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**Linda Suttle** - April 07 at 12:13 PM

RB

“ *Grandma I love you so much and know you're up in heaven having  
the time of your life. We will see each other again. I'm going to miss  
you so much all your stories , hugs and kisses. Your my Angel.* ”



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**Rae Beasley** - April 07 at 08:23 AM

BH

“ *Bobbie Dool Harvey lit a candle in memory of  
Selma Rae Thornton* ”



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**Bobbie Dool Harvey** - April 06 at 10:07 AM

RB

*Thank you so much.*

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**Rae Beasley** - April 07 at 08:19 AM