



Selma Lynn Doss Brown

November 12, 1945 - November 15, 2025

Selma Lynn Brown

Of Lorton, VA, died on November 15, 2025, of a heart attack, three days following her 80th birthday. She is the beloved wife of Richard P. Brown and the loving mother of her late son, Christopher L. McGaha, and late step-daughters, Carissa Ann Brown Hobbs, and Mary Elizabeth Brown Stewardson, sister of Sandra Pearson Woodis (Wayne), Becky Smith (Steve) and the late Chester Kim Doss and Carrie Trudy Holder; also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Selma was born November 12, 1945 in Mt. Airy, North Carolina to the late George Chester Doss and Opal Marion Belton Doss. When she was five years old, Selma's parents moved to Washington, D.C. where the Belton families lived near the U.S Capital. Washington was a safe and interesting playground with picnics and outings in the vast number of parks with her four siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She attended D.C. public schools.

Selma met her husband of 42 years when she was working as an assistant at a physician's office in Alexandria. Later, she joined her sister Sandra working with a professional association where her humor and efficiency in telephone management for twenty-five staff received high recognition. When Sandra opened her management consulting company in 1982, Selma joined her as office administrator. She was an invaluable asset and highly respected by

clients and staff alike.

Selma so loved her son Christopher, husband Dick, her nine nieces and nephews, and all four-footed animals she adopted or rescued. Her pets included several dogs, cats, and a large pet rabbit who took naps with Bandit, her Bichon. Plus, Dick built a pond for Koi fish which Selma carefully selected and individually named for over 20 years. The Koi family has grown happily.

Selma loved holidays and family gatherings for cookouts, picnics, crab feasts, cards, and board games. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. Dick was always “Santa” for the family kids. His natural white hair, beard and red hat like Santa fooled many young kids out shopping with parents. Selma’s joy was making sure Chris,’ and the other children’s Christmas wishes came true!

All four sisters loved shopping, but Sandra found hunting antiques the most interesting. Sandra invited Selma to an Alexandria estate sale, and she was forever a fan. Most Saturday they were off on a new adventure searching for priceless treasures. Husband Dick became Selma’s next “partner” for her searches Selma collection grew and expanded so she redecorated their home often! Over the years, Dick built a storage facility for the Selma’s “discoveries.”

Selma has left our family and friends filled with memories of her humor, spirit, abundant love. Her lengthy battle is over. We are grateful that Selma is finally at peace and is reunited in heaven with her beloved son Christopher.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Selma’s name may made to: St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, ASPCA, Wounded Warrior Project or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Selma Lynn Doss Brown



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 03, 2025 at 04:16 PM

JP

Good afternoon my name is Joy Parish. I was a caregiver for Selma. I met Selma on September 2, 2025 from the day that I met her we always had a nice conversation, the more and more I talk with her the more I got to know her and the more I would see her smile that was such a good thing to do every time I came to see if she look forward to having the conversations that we were having most of my clients I get don't like to talk or don't really wanna be bothered by Selma wanted to always have a conversation and wanted you to talk to her we became friends which was a good thing for the both of us a friend that I am going to miss sweet blessings my friend

Joy Parish - December 05, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Selma Lynn Doss Brown



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 01, 2025 at 03:43 PM

RP

Aunt Mimi will be sorely missed. She is finally out of pain and will be with her son Chris. The memories of them both will make smile until I see them again.

Robert Pearson - December 04, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LB

“ *LaRue and Bob purchased the A Full Life for the family of Selma Lynn Doss Brown.*



LaRue and Bob - December 04, 2025 at 12:56 PM

FC

“ *Selma was like a second mom to me growing up super great lady! She will be missed say Hello to Chris for me! Love you!*

Floyd Cline - December 02, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Selma Lynn Doss Brown.*



December 01, 2025 at 07:21 PM