



Shelton, Neva Lee (Selby)

1937-2022

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Neva Lee Selby Shelton, 84, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning hours of Nov. 11, 2022, after a year-long battle with cancer.

A family memorial will be held Nov. 20 in Denton. Her brother-in-law, Terry Shelton, will officiate.

Neva was born on Christmas Eve, 1937, to Charles Selby, Sr. (Carl) and Mozell Douthit Selby in Foster, Okla. She attended Pernell, Okla. schools, graduating from Pernell High School in 1955. Shortly after her graduation, she moved to Oklahoma City. It was there, in early 1956, that she went on a blind date and met Jimmy Shelton. They eloped to Gainesville on June 23, 1956, embarking on a journey that would span more than 66 years. Shortly after their marriage, Jimmy enlisted in the US Air Force and spent 18 months in Germany. Upon his return in 1958, he was stationed in Antigo, Wis., where he and Neva had their first child, a son. They returned to Oklahoma in 1960 and, three years later, added a

daughter to their young family. They made Oklahoma City their home until 1975 when they moved to Chico. Jimmy and Neva lived in Chico until moving to Denton in December 2002, where they would spend the rest of their days together. Neva retired from Mitchell Energy Corporation in 1990. She returned to work at FEMA in 1996, retiring (again) in 2014. She was an avid reader, loved to crochet and sew, and spent many hours making handmade gifts for those who were special to her. Neva was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Neva was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Gloria Henderson; and her brother, Gail Selby.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 66 years, Jimmy Shelton Sr.; son, Jimmy Shelton Jr. of Denton; daughter Johnna Sweet and husband, Michael, of Denton; grandsons, Justin Shelton and wife, Devin, of Paradise, Matthew Shelton and Jackson Sweet, both of Denton, Austin Sweet and wife, Roberta, of McAlester, Okla; granddaughter, Rebekah Sweet of Cookeville, Tenn; great-grandsons Ryker and Hayes Shelton, Marcus and Duncan Sweet, Hayden, Brock, Simon, Isaac and Abel Krause; and great-granddaughter, Juniper Shelton. Neva is also survived by her sisters, Florene Selby of Newcastle, Okla. and Peggy James of Lubbock; and her brother, Charles Selby, Jr. of Moore, Okla.; sister-in-law, Fern Selby of Mustang, Okla.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Neva's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society would be appreciated.

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