

COME CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

Duawn Gabrielle Seals

December 20, 1970 — July 27, 2026



**Thursday, August 6, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

**Mabrie Memorial Mortuary
5000 Almeda Road
Houston, Texas 77004**



Life Story

Duawn Gabrielle Seals was born on December 20, 1970, in Houston, Texas, to Ray Ezell Seals and the late Jamesetta Odom Seals.

Duawn received her early education at St. Philip Neri Catholic School, where she attended from kindergarten through eighth grade. She continued her education at Mt. Carmel High School before graduating from Jesse H. Jones High School in Houston, Texas. She then attended Prairie View A&M University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education, proudly becoming the 14th member of her family to attend Prairie View—a reflection of her family's longstanding legacy and commitment to higher education.

Following graduation, Duawn began her teaching career at Stevenson Middle School, where she faithfully served for more than 32 years. A passionate history teacher, she inspired generations of students through her dedication, compassion, and commitment to education. She retired in 2024, leaving behind a legacy and countless lives touched by her service.

Beyond the classroom, Duawn was known for her incredible creativity and exceptional eye for detail. She had a remarkable talent for planning unforgettable events and was often the person family, friends, and colleagues turned to for celebrations of every kind. From spectacular school holiday parties and banquets to family Christmas gatherings, retirement celebrations, birthdays, and countless special occasions, Duawn's personal touch transformed every event into something truly memorable. She had a unique ability to make people feel celebrated, creating beautiful moments filled with joy, laughter, and love. Her creativity, generosity, and servant's heart left an indelible mark on everyone, fortunate enough to experience one of her beautifully planned events.

Duawn was also the heart of her family. She was everyone's biggest cheerleader, celebrating every accomplishment, big or small—with genuine excitement, pride, and unwavering support. She had a special gift for making each family member feel seen, valued, and deeply loved. As the family's historian, she faithfully preserved stories, traditions, photographs, and treasured memories, ensuring that the family's rich legacy would be remembered and shared for generations to come.

Above all, Duawn cherished her family. She was a devoted daughter, loving mother, treasured sister, proud aunt, loyal friend, and dedicated educator whose life was defined by kindness, generosity, service, creativity, and love. Her warm smile, encouraging spirit, and unwavering support touched the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is survived by her loving father, Ray Ezell Seals Sr.; her devoted daughter, Jamesetta Seals; her brother, Ray Ezell Seals II, and sister-in-law, Kimberly Seals; her sister, Rayetta Seals Ashby, and brother-in-law, Michael L. Ashby; her beloved nieces, Te'ylor Seals, Kori Seals, Madeline Ashby, and Te'ylon Armstead; her nephew, Michael Ray Ashby; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, former students, colleagues, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Though our hearts are filled with sorrow, we also celebrate a life that was beautifully lived and deeply loved. The memories Duawn created, the lives she touched, and the love she so freely gave will remain with us always. Her legacy of service, compassion, creativity, encouragement, and unwavering devotion to family will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.

“Though no longer by our side, Duawn lives on in every lesson she taught, every life she touched, every celebration she created, and every heart she filled with love. Her memory will forever be a blessing, and her legacy will continue to shine through all who knew and loved her.”

Order of Services

Reverend Terry Anderson, Officiant

Pastor of Lilly Grove Baptist Church

Christopher Stanley, Pianist/Soloist

Processional
Clergy and Family

Greetings
Jamesetta "Jamie" Seals

Hymn of Praise
"I Love the Lord"
Christopher Stanley

Prayer
Reverend Terry Anderson

Scripture Readings
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Madeline Ashby
New Testament: John 14:1-6
Michael Ray Ashby

Selection
"I Can Only Imagine"
Christopher Stanley

Reflections
Elwin West
Allen Morgan
Tamika Spencer
Te'ylor Seals and Kori Seals
Duawn's Minions
Shirley Seals

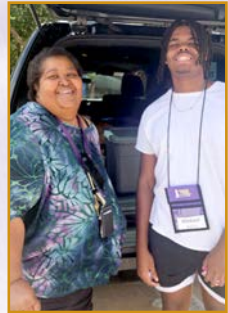
Expressions of Gratitude
Rayetta Seals Ashby and Ray Ezell Seals II

Solo
"Tomorrow"
Christopher Stanley

Eulogy
Reverend Terry Anderson

Recessional
"Every Praise"





Tributes

Duawn was our family's angel, and the love of family was her superpower, always doing for others with kindness and compassion.

Whatever the occasion of the family gathering, her creativity was special. She would immerse herself into it with passion and with love; which was just like her mom, (our sister) Jamesetta, would do.

Her creativity brought magic into our lives and her love built our most cherished memories.

Thank you Duawn for pouring your beautiful, creative spirit into everything you did for us. The joy and memories you crafted for this family will live on in our hearts forever and your memory will always be our blessing.

Love you eternally, Harrienne & family and Sharon & family

Duawn,

You were so much more than my little sister — you were my confidant and my safe place. Even though you were younger, I often looked to you for advice. You listened without judgment and you understood me in a way only a sister could. Your unconditional love was a gift I will carry forever. I'll miss our laughter, our secret sister code words, and the way we could read each other with just a glance. I'll miss all the moments we spent planning events together. We were the perfect team — from cheer competitions and pageants to the kids' birthday parties. Your creative genius was unmatched, and there wasn't a vision we couldn't bring to life together. Even though my heart is broken, I find comfort knowing you are reunited with Momma, wrapped in God's perfect peace.

A sister is a built in best friend, and I was blessed with the very best. I will always be grateful that God chose you for me. I will love you forever.

Your Big Sister, Rayetta

Mom,

Thank you for loving me the way only you could. Thank you for every sacrifice you made, every lesson you taught me, and for always believing in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. I hope you knew just how much I loved you and how proud I am to call you my mom. I'll miss your laugh, your hugs, and hearing your voice every day. I'll carry your love with me for the rest of my life, and I'll do my best to make you proud.

Until we meet again, I love you, Jamie

When we hear the name Nana, we think of four words: positive, cheerful, creative, and loving. If you knew Nana, you knew she never did anything halfway. She made every occasion special with her beautiful decorations and thoughtful touches that made everyone feel loved. Nana was always there, cheering on her daughter, cousins, nieces, nephews, and everyone she cared about. Her kindness, laughter, and unwavering support brought our family together and created memories we'll cherish forever. Though our hearts are broken, we are grateful for the love she shared so freely. We love you, Nana. Until we meet again, you will always be in our hearts.

Love, Kim, Te'ylor, Kori and Te'ylon

Duawn was more than our sister-in-law and aunt; she was our sister, our friend, and one of the kindest people we have ever known.

She had a special gift for creating beauty and joy. She got so excited to help plan our birthday parties, graduation celebrations, and any milestone worth celebrating. We will forever remember Duawn as our biggest cheerleader — always celebrating our accomplishments and being there for every occasion.

We will miss her walking through the door with a new idea for the next celebration. We especially cherish the beautiful bond she shared with her sister, our mom, Raye. We are grateful for the love, laughter, and memories she brought into our lives. Her spirit remains in our hearts forever.

With love, Big Mike, Lil Mike, and Maddie



Acknowledgements

The family of Duawn Gabrielle Seals would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown us love, support, and kindness during this incredibly difficult time. Your prayers, phone calls, visits, meals, flowers, cards, and acts of generosity have brought us comfort and reminded us that we are not alone.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us today to celebrate Duawn's beautiful life. Your love and support mean more to our family than words can express. May God bless each of you.

Duawn Seals Website



<https://duawnsealsmemorial.org>



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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