



Haili Gabrielle Duncan

November 24, 2025

Haili Gabrielle Duncan, age 25, beautiful daughter and a true gift from God, was born on May 24, 2000, in Metairie, Louisiana to Roland and Valencia Duncan. She is the beloved sister of Heidi Christina Duncan.

Haili graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School in 2018 and was currently attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She was majoring in Mechanical Engineering and was expected to graduate Spring 2026. During her time at UL, Haili was a member of National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) where she served as Event Planning Chair, and a member of UL Black Student Union (BSU).

Haili leaves behind a legacy of kindness, determination, and a deep commitment to learning. Her dedication to engineering was unmatched. She was known for her genuine, bubbly, and vibrant personality with a contagious laughter that brought joy and happiness to everyone around her. She had a huge heart filled with love for all. She loved sports, video games, exploring cities, and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed working and spending time with her Texas Roadhouse family in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Haili, as she was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was one

marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. Haili lived by the verse she loved Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Her life is joyfully celebrated by her loving parents, Roland and Valencia, and her sister Heidi. She is the cherished granddaughter of Alvin and Elaine Blouin, the late Roland Duncan, Sr., and the late Loretta Helton Johnson. She leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins who adored her dearly and will cherish her memories for decades to come.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 11:00am at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church 7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, Louisiana 70127, with visitation beginning at 9:00am. Though her earthly journey has ended, her spirit lives on. Relatives and friends of the family, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Students, Faculty and Staff, Texas Roadhouse Lafayette, Louisiana, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Inc., InspireNOLA Charter Schools Faculty and Staff, and St. Mary's Academy High School Alumnae, Faculty and Staff are invited to attend her funeral service. Internment: Mount Olivet Cemetery 2050 Caton St, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories and condolences with the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Tribute Wall



“ *Lencie,
You, Roland, Heidi, and the family are heavy in my prayers. I'm sorry I couldn't be there, but please know that I am praying for your strength. Continue to lean on God and He will continue to comfort and keep you.*

Tanisha

Tanisha Gaylord - December 06, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ *Haili was such a beautiful young lady and she had a beautiful spirit. Everytime I saw her she had the biggest smile, she was beautiful inside and out. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

Larrese Satcher

Larrese Satcher - December 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



December 06, 2025 at 10:07 AM

KD

“*Kennedi, Kiva, and Konnor DeJean purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



Kennedi, Kiva, and Konnor DeJean - December 05, 2025 at 10:23 PM

KD

“*Kennedi, Kiva, and Konnor DeJean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*

Kennedi, Kiva, and Konnor DeJean - December 05, 2025 at 10:23 PM

TB

“*Sending love and keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all ❤️🙏*
- Tracie Cavalier Brown and Family

tracie brown - December 05, 2025 at 07:55 PM

DW

“*Praying for your daily Peace that surpasses all understanding. Valencia as your SMA Sister, I wish I could take the pain away. I love you and will be in continued prayers for your family and everyone she touched. Love Debbie*

Debbie Wilson - December 05, 2025 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ *The McKey Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



The McKey Family - December 05, 2025 at 01:10 PM

PM

“ *Valencia and Family, I'm so very sorry about the loss of your beautiful daughter Haili. May God's love and mercy, as well as fond memories of Haili comfort you at this difficult time. With love and condolences, Paula Mirabin*

Paula Mirabin - December 05, 2025 at 11:38 AM

MW

“ *Haili I will forever cherish and honor our friendship! I will forever miss your smile, laugh, and craziness! You were my everything friend, there was nothing under the sun I couldn't tell you! You were so genuine and hardheaded lol but also so sweet...very kind! This surreal...but I promise to always remember you as the light you were! I love you to the Heavens!*

To the Duncan family may the glory of the Lord be with you all. I'm so sorry for your loss! May strength, love, healing, and grace be your portion! I send nothing but love and prayers to each of you!

A scripture of hope: Romans 5:1-5

- Makayla Wilkerson

Makayla Wilkerson - December 05, 2025 at 07:42 AM

MF

“ Makayla Wilkerson & the Wilkerson family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Makayla Wilkerson & the Wilkerson family - December 05, 2025 at 07:30 AM

MF

“ Makayla Wilkerson & the Wilkerson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.

Makayla Wilkerson & the Wilkerson family - December 05, 2025 at 07:30 AM

KT

“ Kalyn Green & Danielle Taylor purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Kalyn Green & Danielle Taylor - December 05, 2025 at 12:10 AM

SJ

“ May God be with you during this time of bereavements.

Shawana Johnson - December 04, 2025 at 08:22 PM

S2

“ SMA CLASS OF 2013 purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



SMA CLASS OF 2013 - December 04, 2025 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ Toyota Mississippi Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Toyota Mississippi Family - December 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM

BB

“ Brandon Bode purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Brandon Bode - December 04, 2025 at 12:28 AM

BB

“ Brandon Bode planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.

Brandon Bode - December 04, 2025 at 12:28 AM

KF

“ Kalyn Green & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Kalyn Green & Family - December 03, 2025 at 09:29 PM

KF

“ Kalyn Green & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.

Kalyn Green & Family - December 03, 2025 at 09:29 PM

TL

“ Texas Roadhouse of Lafayette purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Texas Roadhouse of Lafayette - December 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TL

“ Texas Roadhouse of Lafayette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.

Texas Roadhouse of Lafayette - December 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TG

“ Sweet memories of Haili and Jordyn during their high school basketball team years. I remember when Jordyn and I attended Haili's game. Good memories



Trina S Gibson - December 03, 2025 at 02:48 PM

TJ

“ The Gibsons. Brian, Trina, Josie & Jordyn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



The Gibsons. Brian, Trina, Josie & Jordyn - December 03, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TJ

“ The Gibsons. Brian, Trina, Josie & Jordyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.

The Gibsons. Brian, Trina, Josie & Jordyn - December 03, 2025 at 02:34 PM

CF

“ Candace Newton and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Candace Newton and Family - December 03, 2025 at 11:35 AM

ML

“ Sending continued prayers of strength and peace to you, Mr. Duncan and Heidi. Condolences to the family and friends. Get your rest beautiful soul. Love Melody, Imari and Tino



Melody L - December 03, 2025 at 10:32 AM

ST

“ St. Mary's Academy Middle School Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



St. Mary's Academy Middle School Team - December 03, 2025 at 09:35 AM

HD

“ Heidi Christina Duncan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.



Heidi Christina Duncan - December 02, 2025 at 11:55 PM

IG

“ Iris Gulette lit a candle in memory of Haili Duncan



Iris Gulette - December 02, 2025 at 09:21 PM

TF

“ *The mays family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



The mays family - December 02, 2025 at 08:13 PM

JM

“ *Haili you will be missed. I loved getting to know you and seeing your passion. Your smile and laughter was infectious. You will continue to live through all you touched.*

Jeneen May - December 02, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ *Jelinda Allen & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



Jelinda Allen & Family - December 02, 2025 at 04:06 PM

AS

“ *Haili was always one to make me laugh and had the most beautiful smile. I will always cherish our sing offs and singalongs. Knowing all too well we were both off key, lol. But you couldn't tell us anything about it, lol. I love you and miss you, Haili!!*

Arieane Shanks - December 02, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TF

“ *The Smart Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Haili Gabrielle Duncan.*



The Smart Family - December 02, 2025 at 03:43 PM

MC

“ *Haili,*

I will never forget you. You are now our Angel. Your memories are forever embedded in my heart. I love you forever.

Teedy Monique

Monique Cook - December 02, 2025 at 01:16 PM