



Sebreana Marie Domingue

October 1, 2019

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Rayne, LA - Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Rayne for Sebreana Marie Domingue, 52, award-winning journalist and tireless advocate for early childhood education who died Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at The Carpenter House in Lafayette LA.

Interment will be in the Our Mother of Mercy Cemetery in Rayne, LA.

Rev. Emmanuel O. Awe S.S.J., Pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church of Rayne, LA will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

A native of Rayne, Sebreana was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in nearby Crowley. She earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Xavier University in New Orleans in 1989 and completed a master's degree in organizational communication at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2013.

Sebreana was a newspaper reporter and editor for more than 20 years. Her career began at the New Orleans Times-Picayune when she was a student at Xavier. She later worked at the (Opelousas) Daily World, where she was education reporter, city editor and managing editor; the Ocala (Florida) Star-Banner, as a features writer; and the (Lafayette) Daily Advertiser, as Acadia Parish Bureau chief and education writer.

Known as a tough questioner of elected officials and as a staunch defender of the public's right to know, Sebreana won numerous awards from the Louisiana Press Association and other professional organizations. She was a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Sebreana's coverage of school systems in Acadia, St. Landry and Lafayette parishes led to her later career in early childhood education advocacy. She worked as a research

associate at the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at UL Lafayette; there, she wrote grants and proposals to support early childhood education centers across Louisiana. At the time of her death, Sebreana was the place-based community team lead for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems/Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network, a multistate initiative to enhance developmental skills among 3-year-olds.

Sebreana was a governing board member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She also presented research findings at several national conferences.

Whether as a journalist or as an education advocate, Sebreana approached life with vitality, insistence, irreverence, stubbornness, occasional indignation, unflinching honesty and unfailing humor. Her laugh can never be duplicated – like her, it was one of a kind – but it never will be forgotten by anyone who heard it. Though she worked much of her career with words, there are none to describe the gratitude felt by the people she touched. All who knew Sebreana will mourn her, but none can say they are poorer for having had her in their lives.

Survivors include her beloved daughter, Amber Domingue of Brooklyn, New York; her father, Roland Domingue; two brothers, Riley Domingue (Margie) and Brandon Domingue all of Rayne, LA; two sisters Delphina Moore (Tyrone) of Lafayette, LA and Paula Jones (Michael) of New Orleans.

Sebreana was preceded in death by her mother, Ethel Mae Domingue, a brother, Neil Domingue, maternal grandparents Willie and Theresa Logan and paternal grandparents Riley and Stella Domingue.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne LA on Saturday October 12, 2019 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 08:30AM - 10:30AM

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Gossen Funeral Home Inc.

504 N. Polk Street, Rayne, LA, US, 70578

OCT **Mass** 11:00AM

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Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

600 W. Jefferson Davis St, Rayne, LA, US, 70578

OCT **Cemetery**

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Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Cemetery

707 Lyman, Rayne, LA, US, 70578

Comments



“ I met you at a NAEYC DC conference and was so impressed. The first time I heard about power to the profession. You gave me hope for the future of our profession. You spoke so well. I am so sorry. The good die young...you will be so missed. Roberta Wright, A Tacoma Wa family home child care provider.

ROBERTA WRIGHT - October 17, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ I feel fortunate to have known Sabreana. I got to know her when I worked at NAEYC as its general counsel. I will always remember her laughter, smile and wit; she was really a lovely person. I'm so very sorry to hear that she is gone. Many condolences to her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lakshmi Ramani - October 12, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ Sebreaana Domingue Rest In Peace. You have touched so many lives. Godspeed and my condolences with all her family and friends. A true angel and gift from God.



Joyce Chaisson - October 11, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ I am a NAEYC member who did not know Sebreaana. Sending my condolences and a huge thank you for her service to young children. Robin Temple

Robin Temple - October 09, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Martha Jolivette Smith lit a candle in memory of Sebreaana Marie Domingue



Martha Jolivette Smith - October 09, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are to the whole Domingue family. I have had the pleasure of knowing Sabrina for most of my life. Her smile was always there and it would brighten your day. She will truly be missed, but never forgotten

Martha Jolivette Smith - October 09, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ I love sebreaana she was like a sister to me I remember when e was 2 catholic school cheerleaders. Going to games together I love that

Rachel Senegal - October 11, 2019 at 06:58 AM



“ I will miss sebreaana

Rachel Senegal - October 11, 2019 at 07:00 AM



“ I am so grateful to have known Sabreana as family, as a supportive friend, and a NAUW sister...A beautiful person inside and out...I love you cuz...Rest in heaven

Laura



Laura Levy - October 09, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Sebreana was a strong advocate for early childhood and worked hard to make sure children and their families received the services they wanted. I had the pleasure of working with her through Project LAUNCH a SAMHSA funded project. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family. May God be with you during this difficult time.

Debbie Cheatham - October 08, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ God has a way of working through Special People in Beautiful ways as He did with Sebreana. He gave her strength, knowledge and the ability to reach out to those who needed a hand. He gave her love to bless others with her caring heart, putting her right where he needed her to be. Best of all, He gave me a Friend and Partner who would Team-Up with me in making a difference in the lives of our little ones....and that's the most Beautiful Blessing anyone could ask for. To Sebreana's Family, try your best to hold on, putting your Faith in God's Love and His Mercy.

Antoinette Pete



Antoinette Pete - October 08, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ I had an opportunity to meet Sebreana through a professional capacity. I am so saddened by the loss of such a kind, loving, compassionate person. She touched the lives of many, and I pray for her family to find solace in knowing she had a positive impact on so many lives.



Melissa Thompson - October 08, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Domingue family. I was Sabreana 8th grade science teacher at Rayne Catholic School. She was such a joy with a beautiful smile. May she Rest In Peace.

Anne Butler Auzenne



Anne B. Auzenne - October 07, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ I had the chance to get to know Sabreana a bit in her role as a tireless advocate for young children in the Acadiana region. Her commitment, dedication, and positive energy were always front and center! This beautiful picture really captures all that Sabreana was, and is how I will remember her. Deep condolences to the Domingue family.

Paula Zeanah

Paula Zeanah - October 07, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Brenda Hurst lit a candle in memory of Sebreana Marie Domingue



Brenda Hurst - October 07, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ I remember meeting you for the first time at the Daily Advertiser. I was in awe of your confidence, unflinching humor and honesty. Your passion for undeniable. It's been 12 years since then and I'm still in awe. The impressions you left on everyone who encountered you are testaments to how special you were. You are loved. May God grace your family with strength, comfort and peace in the days ahead.



Alex - October 06, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ Some people talk about her smile how it lights up the room. I talk about this the other day it been a few years that I had seen her and just the picture that is shown here that was the one I would see. To her wonderful family a great one indeed each and everyone of them we send love to all may her memories , her hopes ,and her dreams be carry on not buried . To her Beautiful Daughter Stay strong and let your LOVE ONES help you in this difficult time no matter how this will be. Sending Love again to The Domingue Family.

rodney j.figaro - October 06, 2019 at 05:13 AM



“ How long this will be . Is what i meant to say sorry.

rodney j.figaro - October 06, 2019 at 05:15 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Sabreana's passing. Her smile and kind spirit always brightened up any room she entered. She was a great sorority line-sister who always "kept it moving".

S. Latten Clark



S. Clark - October 05, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ Very sorry to hear this news. Sending condolences to her family. I remember her while at ND (same class as Paula). Peace be with all of you.

Patrick Pellerin - October 05, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ Brenda B. Francis lit a candle in memory of Sebreana Marie Domingue



Brenda B. Francis - October 05, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ She was one of my sweet students when I worked in Financial Aid at Xavier University. She always came into the office wearing a smile and she loved learning. Rest in Peace Sebreana!

Adrienne Ruth - October 05, 2019 at 01:05 AM



“ I worked with Sabrina as members of the Louisiana Association for the Education of the Young Child. It was an honour and a privilege to have served on the same team for a good cause, it was her way.

Sheila Matute - October 04, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ I did not know Sebreana , but her brother has been one of my greatest friends for the past two decades and I'm truly sorry for his and his father's loss. No one deserves to lose a loved one to cancer.

Amine - October 04, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Prayers and my deepest sympathy goes out to the family of my beautiful Soror!
! Such a sweet spirit and she will surely be missed !

Chante Simpson - October 04, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ It's been over 20 years since I've known Sebreana. Miss her terribly.



Henri LeJeunr - October 04, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Sebreana, lovely and inspiring! Her obituary perfectly captured her essence - so sad that it had to be written now. May she rest in eternal peace!



celeste - October 04, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ She was, quite simply, the best co-worker and friend. Godspeed. I was privileged to know you in life.

Brett - October 04, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ I will truly miss her. She was a friend to all who knew her as well as a child advocate! I know she's checking on us up there!

Nancy Manuel, Ph.D. - October 04, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ May you rest in peace in Heaven with Jesus. Love Rose Helen Woods

Rose Helen Woods - October 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ May God be with you at this sorrowful time

T. Mayfield - October 09, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ God will take care of you. May God bless and keep you all. It was a pleasure and delight working with Sebreana.

Norma Washington

Norma Washington - October 11, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing and collaborating with Sebreana for many years, via multiple community entities. She brought joy and enthusiasm to any endeavor with which she was involved, as well as intelligence and sensitivity. Her light will continue to shine through her legacy of child advocacy! I know she is with her Maker and resting in peace and the all embracing love of Jesus.

Donna Broussard - October 29, 2019 at 10:05 AM