



## Rome Ava Henderson

January 22, 2004 - May 27, 2023

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/romehenderson>

“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust” Rome Ava Henderson was born to Davevon Dean Henderson and Robyn Kay Henderson on January 22, 2004 in Austin Texas. Rome accomplished many things in her life: She was president of her class in the 1st and 2nd year of high school. Received a scholarship for an essay she wrote “I want to impact the future by becoming the first black female president” As a child she would often be asked, Rome what do you want to be when grow up? In which she would reply “President.” She also received the title Duchess In her freshman year. Rome was very active in school and in the community. She was on the student counsel, in a book club, and debate club. She learned leadership skills in Teen Destiny, and demonstrated them through her volunteer service, while working in the children’s ministry, teaching Sunday School; and in other ministry events. She graduated from Crocket High School in 2022 and went on to attend Texas State University in August of 2022.

From an early age Rome was surrounded by music in her home with her parents and grandparents. From this exposure it fostered a love and passion for music. She played violin in middle school and high school; the viola in high school, and sang in the middle school jazz band. She also performed at various events, singing in that unique and wonderful voice that she had. Her voice was so notable, that an agent from the popular TV Show “The Voice”

contacted her and said “she had an old school vibe” She got her first job at Bush’s Chicken at the age of 15. She was currently employed at HEB from 2022-2023.

She also had an entrepreneur spirit launching her own business in 2023 called Ava’s Lash Lab. From the beginning of Rome’s life, she demonstrated a strength and resiliency that has inspired many. God knew the plan that he had for Rome. He knew the many challenges that she would face with her body; and what that would require of her. At the age of 3months she had valve reconstruction surgery, at the age of 6 months she had heart valve replacement surgery, at the age of 12, on January 1, 2017, she had a heart transplant. By the love, grace, and mercy of God, her strength and resiliency, the love and care of her family and friends, prayers from you and others from around the world, the transplant was successful. After her surgery in 2017; she got to tell her story on the news, in the newspaper, and on a billboard for the Dallas Children’s Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Life was good, hope was high, and the future was bright. Rome was given the nickname of Miracle by her grandmother Tonya, and yes, she was truly a Miracle.

Rome wanted to inspire, encourage and help others who were experiencing the same heart conditions that she had. In 2023 The Make a Wish Foundation” granted Rome her wish; a mobile recording studio, recording equipment, and an opportunity to record a song at one of the top recording studios in Austin. She was also the featured soloist at the 2023 Make A Wish Foundation Gala, where she sung the song At Last.

She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Marquis Henderson of Austin, Texas & Seven Johnson of Round Rock, Texas, two sisters, Alicia Withers of Kyle Texas, & Journey Henderson of Round Rock, Texas. Robert Acord and Linda Acord of Kyle Texas, Walter Wharton and Tonya Nash-Wharton of Austin Texas, Rose Hall & Sammy Hall of Austin, Texas, Marcus Johnson of Round Rock, Texas, boyfriend Jayden Caballero of Kyle Texas, uncles, aunts, and an abundance of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



# Previous Events

## **PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES**

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Promise Land Church  
1504 E. 51st Street  
Austin, TX 78723

## **Celebration Service**

JUN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rome Ava Henderson*

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October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *R.I.P. Rome still feels unreal at least you get to be in the kingdom with our savior fly high 🕊️ I was glad to met you and have you as a friend hope to see you in the next life ❤️*

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“ *I taught Rome at Covington. After teaching thousands of students, I don't always remember my students. I do remember Rome, she was so full of life and such positive energy. The other students loved her, because she was so kind to everyone! She always gave her best, and embraced others with her laughter and beautiful smile. My prayers are with you, I know the pain all too well of losing a child. May God and Rome send you signs. Rome was an angel on earth, and now heaven gained their little angel back. May God Be with you. Praying for your family.*

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**Karen Harris** - June 01, 2023 at 06:44 PM