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The Obituary

Suzette Felton Dawson, affectionately known as "Zette," was born on August 18, 1957, in Crisp County, Georgia. She was the beloved daughter of Timmie Felton, Sr. and Sallie Mae Felton. Zette's formative years were spent in the Crisp County School System, where she graduated from Crisp County High School in 1977. Her pursuit of knowledge continued at South Georgia Tech, where she furthered her education.

For 61 years, Suzette was a member of Cross Road Missionary Baptist Church, where she shared her vocal talents as a devoted member of the choir. Her gift for singing extended beyond the church as she, along with her sisters, formed the renowned group "The Felton Singers." Additionally, she was a founding member of the United Fellowship Mass Choir, through which she shared her love of music with many.

Zette was known for her infectious laughter and her genuine love for people. She had a remarkable ability to bring joy to those around her through her own "well explained" vocabulary. She was always eager to make others smile and laugh. Her kindness and humor will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Suzette transitioned peacefully on Thursday, June 11, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, Willie Dawson, and her siblings, Betty Elijah and Terry Felton.

Zette's legacy lives on through her children, Olivia V. Dawson and Antonio Demetrious Dawson, both of Cordele, Georgia; 18 grandchildren, including Y'Shantice "Shani" Collins, Antonio "TJ" Tolbert, and Ra'keria "Keria" Way, all of Cordele, Georgia; three great-grandchildren; her sisters, Rosa Lee Jones, Christine Felton, Sally B. Mason of Cordele, Georgia, China Ezell of Arabi, Georgia, Gloria Caldwell, Wanda Gail Merritt, and Brenda Brown of Cordele, Georgia; her brothers, Timmie Felton, Jr. and Pastor Jimmie Felton of Cordele, Georgia, Jesse "Man" Felton of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Pastor Willie James Felton (Linda) of Cordele, Georgia; her aunts, Carrie Dean Brooks of Cordele, Georgia and Inez Johnson of Vienna, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many sorrowing friends.



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory
of me to be a
happy one;
I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles
when life is done;*

*I'd like to leave an
echo whispering
softly down
the ways
Of happy times
and bright and
sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of
those who grieve to
dry before the sun,
of happy memories
that I leave when my
life is done.*

The Celebration of Life

Saturday | June 20, 2026 | 2:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Willie James Felton | Officiant

Musical Prelude
Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional
Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing
The Final Closing of the Casket

Prayer of Comfort & Scripture Reading
Pastor Jimmie Felton

Musical Selection
Deacon Kenneth Smith

Reflections
Ms. Ra'Keria Way & Ms. Y'Shantice Collins
Ms. Gretta Mosley
Ms. Phyllis
Deacon Chris Wheeler

Musical Selection
The Glover Sisters

Eulogy
Reverend Willie James Felton

**Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional & Postlude

The Committal Service

Bethel Cemetery

Joe Wright Drive | Cordele, Georgia

**The service may be viewed on the
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Facebook Page
or the
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Youtube Channel.**

**The family will receive friends at
The Blackshear Event Center
1002 Blackshear Road | Cordele, Georgia
following the committal service.**