

About Gayle

Gayle Wells was a rare spirit that comes along once in a lifetime. Gayle was a trusted friend, mentor, and confidant to her family, friends, tenants and employees. She spent most of her career as a property owner/manager of the Raborn Building in Houston. A talented writer, Gayle wrote many poems, stories and a screenplay. In 1994, Gayle published a children's book of short stories entitled *Sometimes Things Don't Go the Way They Should*.



Gayle's greatest accomplishments involved her ability to embrace and care for her family, friends, and animals. Gayle's philosophy was that every living thing deserved love and tenderness.

In the fall of 2001, Gayle was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a right mastectomy. In the process of conducting medical tests to prepare her for chemo, a mass was located in her left breast and it was found to be malignant. In March 2002, Gayle had a left mastectomy. She successfully completed six months of chemotherapy and was doing well. In December of 2005, three days before Christmas, Gayle was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She had a thyroidectomy in February 2006 and underwent subsequent treatment for the thyroid cancer.

In late 2004 Gayle began to notice some minor memory issues—she would often lose her train of thought when engaged in conversation. When this was discussed with her doctors, she was advised that the memory would improve. Unfortunately, her memory did not improve and in October 2009 she was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Gayle faced immeasurable obstacles throughout the cancer and Alzheimer's, which she handled with courage, dignity, grace, and strength. On September 14, 2011, Gayle lost her battle with early onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 66.

In keeping with Gayle's legacy of love, trust, and care for others, the Gayle Wells Foundation for Early Onset Alzheimer's & Care was formed. It is our goal to assist others as they make their way through the journey of early onset Alzheimer's disease.