

"The Dash"

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone, from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth, and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect And more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

By Linda Ellis



Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.
It was just my time, but I will see you someday on the
other side.

Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.

The angels are with me to welcome me home.
Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
when we meet again.

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Rodney Allen Carlisle



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In Loving MEMORY



Rodney Allen Carlisle

November 2, 1978 - December 31, 2025



Friday, January 23, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 AM - Funeral Service: 11:00 AM

Walker Event Center

3939 Reading Road | Cincinnati, OH 45229

Pastor Kevin Rainey, Officiating

Obituary

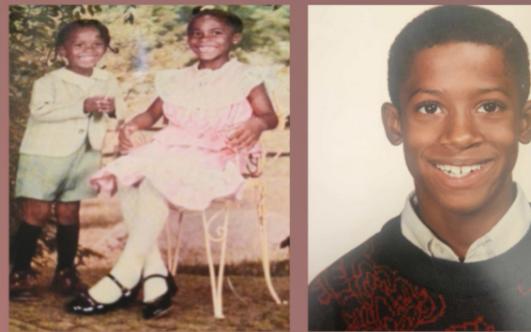
Rodney Allen Carlisle Jr. was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 2, 1978, to Lynn Michelle Carlisle and the late Rodney A. Williams. Rodney accepted his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age. He grew up in Hollydale on Ballyclare Terrace.

He attended Glendale Elementary School and was a Cub Scout. Rodney played in the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. He later attended Princeton Junior and Senior High Schools and graduated in 1996. While at Princeton High School, Rodney played basketball as a proud and dedicated Princeton Viking. He was known as the "Cincinnati Kid" when he was at the pool table, his favorite pastime.

Rodney worked for the Kroger Distribution Warehouse in Woodlawn, Ohio. In his later years, Rodney resided in Louisville, Kentucky, where he worked for Georgia-Pacific in Lexington, Kentucky, as a machinist.

Rodney was preceded in death by his father, Rodney A. Williams; his stepfather, Casey Redding; his paternal grandmother, Geraldine Williams; his maternal grandfather, Jesse Carlisle; and his aunt, Brenda Jean Askew.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved mother, Lynn Michelle Carlisle-Redding; his siblings, April Lynn (Ismael) and Calin James Carlisle; his maternal grandmother, Henrietta Hicks; his great-aunts, Barbara Reed and Marilyn Hawkins; his aunts, Gwen Carlisle, Donna Williams, and Helena Carter; his uncle, Elder Harry P. Allen Jr.; his loving life partner, Darcy Johnson; and an abundance of nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.



2 Timothy 4:7-8

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Pastor Kevin Rainey
Old Testament Scripture	April L. Carlisle Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament Scripture ..	Elder Harry P. Allen, Jr John 14:1-3
Selection	Ladonna Parrish
Acknowledgements	Mallie Edwards
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Obituary	Read Silently
Poem	Henrietta Carlisle-Hicks
Eulogy	Pastor Kevin Rainey
Benediction	Pastor Kevin Rainey
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends



Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery
11200 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Repast

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3939 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229