

እንጂና ስለምት ርጉብ ቁጥጥር፤  
 ንገረን እውነት ነው? የምናሰማው?  
 ጅምሩ ልጃችን የወጣንከው ጉዞ፤  
 ነውር እይታንም ገና ምን ተይዞ፤  
 ርቀው እንዳትሄድ ማን ያስቀርላል፤ ለጃችሁን ይዞ?  
 በእምነት ጋኪዩ እንተ ወጣት ጅንጃ፤  
 እውነት ነው? ቀለሰክ የአፈር ጎጂ፤  
 ምን ይሁን ምክንያትህ የራቀን ሰቅህ?  
 ነገ ትመጣለህ? መቼ እንጠብቅህ?  
 ትላንትም አልመጣህ ብዙ ጠባቂንህ።  
 የቤታችን ሞገስ ግርማው ተገፈፈ፤  
 ሸርተት አለ ጋኪ አበባው ረገፈ፤  
 ዋለልን ፈለግንህ ይከምን በጭኝት፤  
 ልጃችን ጋኪዩን ስንጠቅ ድንገት።  
 ዑዑታው ቀለጠ ዓለም ተለቀሰች፤  
 ልባቸው ጋኪን እርግጥጥቱ አያላች።

ሁለመናህ መልካም የሁሉ መመኪያ፤  
 ሌት ተቀን ቢፈለግ አይገኝ መተኪያ፤  
 ምን ይተካህል እንተ የእሸት ቡቃያ፤  
 በምን እንጸናና ሀዘኑ ከሰይ፤  
 ልባችን ቀለጠ መከራ ወረደ።  
 ባለሰብነው ሰዓት ወጥተህ የቀረሁው ዘንካታው ወጣት፤  
 ቸኮላው ምንድነው ሳይመሻ በጠዋት፤  
 ንገረን ሰቂታው በአፈር ለማርጃት።  
 ትምህርትና እውቀት መልካም ሁሉ ብላሽ፤  
 ዋሪያላህ ብላህ ነው ከቤትህ የምትሻሻ።  
 ራሴንም ልቻል ጎጂ ልውጥ ያልከው፤  
 ለምን ነው ጋኪዩ ልብን የሰበርከው፤  
 ሀመማችን ፅና የት ነው ምንፈልግ እንዴት ነው ምንከርመው።

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*Final Resting Place*

Lakeside Mausoleum  
 12:30pm  
 Spring Grove Cemetery  
 4521 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

*Repast*

2:30pm  
 Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
 1631 Marlowe, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

*Memorial Contributions*

In honor of Gaki's lifelong dream of serving his people, memorial funds have been established to support the development of a kidney dialysis center in Ethiopia.

Donations may be made at:  
[www.gofundme.com/f/bemnet-deresse](http://www.gofundme.com/f/bemnet-deresse)

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- The family of Bemnet Yeshewalul Deresse (Gakii)



*Known for Excellence. Trusted for Value.*

*In Loving*  
**MEMORY**



*Bemnet Yeshewalul Deresse*  
*(Gakii)*

Heaven Sent: November 21, 1997 - Heaven Bound: August 31, 2025

*Funeral Service*

September 13, 2025  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
 1631 Marlowe, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

## Obituary

Bemnet “Gakii” Deresse was born on November 21, 1997, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to his loving parents, Aster Bekele and Yeshewalul Deresse. He grew up alongside his brother, Dagim, and cousins—Abeselom, Mekdim, Robel, Mathiwos, and Pamela—who were more like siblings than cousins. Raised in a large family surrounded by grandparents, aunts, and uncles who guided him with love, laughter, and discipline, Gakii’s childhood was filled with warmth and joy.



From a young age, he showed curiosity and creativity. He loved soccer and basketball, drawing, gaming, and making people laugh. He enjoyed anime and science fiction, fascinated by big ideas and imaginative worlds. At his heart, however, was a passion for helping others—whether through healthcare, technology, or his dream of one day returning to Ethiopia to contribute to the well-being of his people.

Gakii earned dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati, as well as an Associate of Science in Biology from Cincinnati State. He was named to the Dean’s List and recognized as a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. He recently began work as a Quality Engineer at Whipmix Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky, and had ambitious plans to pursue graduate studies, a PhD, and a career leading biomedical engineering research.

During his academic career, Gakii made meaningful contributions through his Engineering Capstone project. He worked with High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) technology, developing improved calibration systems to make cancer treatments safer and more effective. He also studied the use of nanoparticles to enhance therapeutic applications, analyzing their behavior in ultrasound-based treatments. These research experiences not only deepened his knowledge but confirmed his readiness for advanced graduate-level study.

Despite his many achievements, it was his kindness, humility, and faith that left the deepest impression. A story from his Sunday School days captures his heart perfectly: when asked what he thought death was, he said simply, “It’s like closing your eyes for a while and then opening them again.” His words reflected a faith that was hopeful, fearless, and rooted in God’s promises.

Though his life was cut short, Gakii lived with purpose, joy, and love. He was a son, brother, cousin, and friend who brought light to everyone around him. His life was short, but sweet—and his dreams and faith continue to inspire us. May his memory be a blessing, and may we carry forward the love, curiosity, and devotion that guided him.



## In Memory of our Beloved Son, Gakii



In Memory of our Beloved Son, Gakii Our precious Gaki, it’s hard to know why life had to end this way. You brought us so much joy and love, our sunshine every day. It breaks our hearts to

comprehend that we can’t hold you near, but in our hearts, the memories will keep you always here. We speak your name with so much pride, our son, our sweetest boy, Though death has taken you from us, it cannot steal my joy. For the love we share is endless, and though we are apart, You’ll live forever, dearest Gaki, within your family’s heart.

### *Poem by his brother Dagim:*

I miss you Gakii  
I thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday  
And days before that, too.  
I think of you in silence.  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories  
and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake

with which I'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
I have you in my heart.

