

## *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.

## *Acknowledgments*

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 Leslie Thomas Gasaway

Special thanks to Charles Frank Walden for being right by my side and helping with my brother, Myrna Ethridge (spelling), Ebonye Williams, Leslie Dodson and Beverly Grim. For your support, love and prayers. Love you all.

The Family of Leslie (Bud) Thomas Gasaway wishes to gratefully acknowledge everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers, telephone calls, and all acts of kindness during our hour of need. May God bless each of you for the comfort you have given during or time of sorrow.

Carol Jean Walden, Sister  
And then there was one (1). Thanks be to God!



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## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Leslie Thomas Gasaway*

January 10, 1948 - October 2, 2024

*Saturday, October 12, 2024*

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

*Montgomery Community Church*

11251 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

# Obituary

Leslie (Bud) Thomas Gasaway was the eldest of four siblings. He was born on January 10, 1948, to the late Fred Gasaway and Lucille Effie Smith. As a small child, he lived in Cincinnati, but he was raised in Columbus, Ohio, where he lived until February 2024. Despite growing up in Columbus, Leslie regularly visited Cincinnati with his mother and siblings.

While in Columbus, Leslie attended several schools, including a Catholic school, and trained as an electrician. He was active in various activities—singing in the choir at school and church, boxing, playing baseball and basketball, and serving as president of the debate club. Leslie also worked for the City of Columbus for some time.

At the young age of 21, he proudly owned a pizza restaurant on the east side of Columbus. He had worked hard and saved money to start the business, and our family shared in his pride. Plus, we got free pizza anytime we wanted! Mmm...

From childhood and throughout his life, Leslie was a math whiz. He could perform mental calculations—adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing—without writing anything down or using a calculator. His speed and accuracy were remarkable. Even doctors were curious about his exceptional ability with numbers and wanted to run extensive tests on him. But my mother refused, saying, "God gave him that ability." Watching him effortlessly solve complex problems was truly amazing, though for him, it was just second nature.

Leslie was quite popular with the ladies, though we, his siblings, never quite understood why. We were often paid by them for his phone number—enough money to buy our grandmother, Lessie J. Burn (Raleigh), several gifts before she passed.

My brother was the life of any party, with an infectious personality and a laugh that could make others stop, listen, and laugh along with him. He laughed from deep in his stomach. He loved telling funny, true stories and had a passion for cooking. The only issue with his cooking was his habit of adding sugar to almost everything—spaghetti, pork chops, you name it! We'd always rush to get our portions before he added sugar, saying, "Yuck!"

Leslie lived life on his own terms and was mostly content doing so. Over the years, he became a go-to person for fixing just about anything. He was admired for being a jack of all trades and a master electrician.

As he aged, he developed a love for gardening, fishing, and cooking—eventually without all the sugar! He also enjoyed watching television, especially westerns and old shows and movies. His favorite team was the Cleveland Browns. At one point, he had TVs in three of the five rooms in his apartment. When all three TVs broke at once and couldn't be repaired, he was very upset. So, he replaced them with a 65-inch TV, proudly declaring, "It's big enough to see from anywhere in my apartment!"

As he grew older, small things became more important to him—like his cell phone. Leslie must have had at least 20 or more phones in his lifetime because he wasn't the best at using them. When he thought a phone wasn't working, he'd simply throw it away and get a new one! We often shook our heads, knowing the problem was usually not with the phone, but with him not knowing how to use it.

Leslie moved back to Cincinnati after his health began to decline. We like to think he wanted to be closer to family. We got to spend more time with him, cook for him, and listen to his many life stories. They were especially interesting to John and Tasha.

Most importantly, we had the opportunity to show him how much we loved him, even though, like all siblings, we had our disagreements. We love him dearly.

Leslie leaves behind his sister, Carol J. Walden (Frank); daughters Leslie A. Dodson (nicknamed "Little Leslie"), who was named after him, and Artelia "Tee" Knight (Lovell); granddaughters Tierra, Nevaeh, Nalani, and Tiffany; nephews Michael (Dee) Spalding, VierShaun Curry, grandson Trevon; nieces Tasha (John) Spalding-Zengel, Anitra (Sean) Walden-Jacobs, and Lucinda Dodson; along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other loved ones.

He was preceded in death by brother Douglas L. Gasaway, sister Kathie (Cathy) C. Dodson, brother-in-law Vernon Curry and granddaughter Rudy Dodson.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Recorded Music
Processional	Member of the Clergy
Welcome Prayer	Pastor Tom Maniaci
Special Solo	The Lord's Prayer Patty Howard
Scripture Reading	Old Testament Psalm 23 New Testament Thessalonians 4:13-18 Diane Beard
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Tom Maniaci
Reading	Broken Branch Ebonye Williams
Acknowledgements	Frank and Carol Walden
Musical CD	"Precious lord Take my hand"
Leslie's Story	Read in Silence
Eulogy	Pastor Tom Maniaci
Remarks from Attendees	Limit 2 minutes
Musical CDs	"Goin' up Yonder"
Closing prayer	Pastor Tom Maniaci
Committal Service and Benediction	
Music CD	"Jesus Loves me"
Recessional	Clergy, Family and Friends
Personal time with Leslie	



## Repast

Saturday, October 12, 2024  
12:15 PM

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