

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers that we saw sitting there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever part. Our family deeply appreciates your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow and pain. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We love you all.

#### *Pallbearers*

MALCOLM PURCELL  
ZACK PURCELL  
ARTRELL SAUNDERS  
ANDY PEAKS  
DAMON JOHNSON  
KRISTOFER SAUNDERS  
ERNEST WATTS III  
RICHARD WATTS JR

#### *Honorary Pallbearers*

LISA HAYNES (Best Friend)  
KIMBERLY BAILEY (Aunt)

#### *Flowerbearers*

AMIRA BAILEY  
NILAH FLESHMAN



#### *The Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning  
That God would call your name  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you  
You did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home

You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And although we cannot see you  
You're always by our side

Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again

To offer condolences to Watts Family,  
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## *Celebration of the Life of*



# *Leslie C. Watts*

FEBRUARY 5, 1976 ~ JUNE 27, 2021

~Service~

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021 ~ 12:00 PM  
MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

***Chapel of Peace North***

2500 Cleveland Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Yasmin Johnson, Eulogizing Minister



# Obituary

Leslie C. Watts of Columbus, Ohio unexpectedly earned her wings on June 27, 2021.

Leslie was born in Welch, West Virginia on February 5, 1976 to Crystal Purcell and David Johnson. Leslie attended West High School where she quickly became a track star and made her way up on the Hall of Fame, where her record still remains.

She was preceded in death by her mother Crystal Purcell; grandfather, James Bailey and Brother Davon Hawkins.

Leslie is survived by her father, David Johnson (Yasmin); husband of 12 years, Richard Watts Sr.; sons, Kristofer, Richard Jr and Andy; daughter, Bailey; stepfather, Victor; mother in law, Daisy; sisters, Philicia, Malikah, Danielle, Stephanie and Keya; brothers, David, Damon, Deondre, Davion (Celine), Victor, Delano, Jamel, Malcolm and Zachary; granddaughter, Kyla; grandmother, Clara; best friend, Lisa; close friend of the family, Nate; sister and brother in law, Nicole and Ernest III and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Leslie was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. She was a warrior, and a fighter. She was humble, full of laughter and love with an infectious smile that could light up any room.

Leslie will be Profoundly Missed.



## May I Go Now?

May I go now?  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?

I didn't want to go at first,  
I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now  
to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go, I really do.  
It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can  
to live just one more day.

To give you time to care for me  
and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.  
I'll not be far,  
I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you too,  
that's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.

# Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family  
SCRIPTURE READING ..... Charlene Dawkins  
    Old Testament .....Isaiah 41:10  
    New Testament..... I Peter 5:7  
PRAYER..... Yasmin Johnson  
  
SELECTION.....Never Would Have Made It  
  
REMARKS .....Family & Friends (2 minutes, please)  
  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
SELECTION..... “For Your Glory” ..... Diamond Valentine (Jamie Bro-ASL)  
  
CLOSING PRAYER..... Yasmine Johnson  
RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

*The Eulogy*  
YASMIN JOHNSON

*Interment*  
SUNSET CEMETERY

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
    though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*  
~John 11:25-26

## Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free!*

*Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared,  
Miss me but let me go!*

*For this a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me but let me go.*



