



Pallbearers

Khaleel Barker El-Amin	Anthony Gaskin
Jamir Coaxum	Najhir Lilley
Nasir Tuff	Johannah Robinson
Calib Zimmerman	Josiah Maldonado

Honorary Pallbearers

Brothers of the Shooting Community

Flower Bearers

Jeniya Oglesby	Jalia Oglesby
Cierra Woodruff	Asia Oglesby
Destiney Brown	Cayla Zimmerman
Amilah Grace Dalton	

Honorary Flower Bearers

Sisters of the Shooting Community



Professional Services Entrusted to:

Leevy's Funeral Home
 1831 Taylor Street
 Columbia, SC
 803-771-7799

Repast: The Britt Center - 533 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC 29229



TIMOTHY LEON GASKIN, JR.

12/3/2003 - 8/8/2025

Friday, August 15, 2025

2:00 PM

Richland Two Performing Arts Center

763 Fashion Drive

Columbia, SC 29229

Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Timothy Leon Gaskin, Jr., affectionately known as "TJ," by his family and "Tim" by his friends, was the son of Timothy and Dr. Monetha Gaskin, born in Columbia, South Carolina, on December 3, 2003. "TJ" was a radiant light whose smile could touch any heart and whose presence could brighten any room. "TJ" was a proud product of the Richland Two School District. He attended Sandlapper Elementary, Longleaf Middle, and graduated from Westwood High School, Class of 2021.

After high school, "TJ" worked various jobs while studying to enter the military. One of the most meaningful roles he held was working alongside his dad with T2 Lawn Care Service, LLC. For eight years, they served the local community together. Their service extended beyond weekdays, as they shared a commitment to faith and servitude; they worked as part of the Brookland Baptist Northeast Media Ministry, helping bring the worship experience to external viewers each Sunday. "TJ" was a born-again believer. He was raised in Brookland Baptist Church, where he was baptized and received the right hand of fellowship after rededicating his life to Christ on August 11, 2019.

"TJ" began working for Sandhill Shooting Sports, LLC, in April 2024, first in range maintenance and later as a Range Safety Officer. He had a natural gift for connecting with people. His infectious smile, pretty teeth, laugh, and his "yo" when he saw something cool had a way of making everyone feel connected. No matter the setting, "TJ" never met a stranger. His magnetic personality also made him a well-loved figure in the competitive shooting community. A dedicated and talented competitor, "TJ" quickly rose through the ranks in just over a year from a beginner to a respected B-Class shooter. He earned his Range Safety Officer Certification and completed multiple advanced courses through Empirical Concepts Training. Always looking to grow and support others, "TJ" was preparing to take the USPSA Range Officer course to increase his knowledge and safety techniques.

"TJ" leaves to cherish his memory his loving parents; his sister, Ticora Gaskin; his god siblings, Markell Young, Khaleel and Kamila El-Amin; his great-grandmother, Inez Brown Parks; his grandparents, Furmella Oglesby, Anthony, and Alice Gaskin. He also leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, brothers and sisters of the shooting community, and countless loved ones, who will forever cherish his memory in their hearts.

Above all, "TJ" will be remembered for the joy he brought into every space he entered, the lives he touched through his kindness and service, and the lasting impression he made in the brief but beautiful time he was given.

When You Feel the Breeze

When you feel the breeze, think of me.
My body had to leave you, but my spirit was set free.
With every slight bend of the grass, or
swaying of the trees,
Close your eyes and take comfort
in knowing that it is me.
Circling you, tickling your ears, and bringing
sweet smells to you,
the breeze is my way of always letting you know that I love you.
I will be with you when you're happy,
and I'll be there when you cry.
Just lift your face when you feel the breeze and look toward the sky.

Sandra Elaine McGee-Dodd



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow.
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.
And you have been forgiven and now, at last, you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"
So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Norman A. Brown, Presiding
Pastor, Camden First United Methodist Church

- Prelude.....Musician
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Greetings.....Reverend Dr. Norman A. Brown
- Hymn of Praise "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
Senior Pastor, Brookland Baptist Church
- Old TestamentPastor Tamiko Greenlee
- New TestamentReverend Ken Frazier
- Selection..... Choir
- REFLECTIONS:
- Church.....Reverend Chavis Smith
Youth and Teens Pastor, Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast
- Family.....Miledge Morton
- Friend.....Bryan Harmon
- Community.....Ryan Lee
South Carolina USPSA State Coordinator
- Solo.....Renee' Robinson
"I Shall Wear a Crown"
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson
- Recessional
- Postlude

Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Reverend Dr. Norman A. Brown

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

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