

H O N O R I N G T H E L I F E O F

WESLEY

Kennerson

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 18, 2004 | SUNSET: JANUARY 19, 2026



THE LIFE OF Leslie Kennerson

Leslie Dan Kennerson was born on October 18, 2004, in Houston, Texas, to Leondrill Kennerson and Leslie Kennerson, Sr. (father who raised him; biological father: Terrance Jackson). From the beginning of his life, Leslie was surrounded by love, faith, and a strong family foundation that shaped the compassionate, resilient, and thoughtful young man he became.

Leslie received his formal education in the Pasadena Independent School District, where he proudly graduated from Dobie High School in May 2023.

At the age of 13, on December 7, 2017, Leslie was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkin's Lymphoma. With courage and strength beyond his years, Leslie endured three months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, meeting each step of the journey with quiet resilience, faith, and determination. Surrounded by the unwavering love and support of his family, and sustained by the grace of God, Leslie entered remission in May 2018, where he remained. His victory over cancer stands as a powerful testimony of perseverance, hope, and God's healing power.

In July 2018, at the age of 14, Leslie accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church, marking a defining milestone in his spiritual journey.

In his downtime, Leslie found joy in playing basketball, gaming on PlayStation and Xbox, and most of all spending quality time with his younger brothers—Lathan Kennerson, Landen Kennerson, and Za'Mir Brown. He embraced his role as a big brother with pride, love, and a quiet sense of responsibility.

Leslie Dan Kennerson departed this life on Monday, January 19, 2026. He was not preceded in death by any immediate family members.

CHERISHED MEMORIES

Leslie leaves to cherish his precious and loving memories to his devoted mother, Leondrill Kennerson; his father who raised him, Leslie Kennerson, Sr., and his biological father, Terrance Jackson; and his beloved younger brothers, Lathan Kennerson, Landen Kennerson, and Za'Mir Brown, whom he loved deeply and protected fiercely. He is also lovingly remembered by his grandparents, Patrick Sears, Sr. and Susie Sears, Leon Jackson, Loretta Jackson, Joseph and Cynthia Hines, and Doretha Jackson; his great-grandmothers, Eva Tanksley and Ruby Jackson; his aunts, Marquita Bigham, Tori Jackson, Jamya Shepard, La'Toya Ford, Latasha Jackson, and Tieika Jackson; and his uncles, Patrick "PJ" Sears Jr., Patrick Sears III, Joshua Sears, Dontae Shepard, Jacques Shepard, Leon Jackson Jr. Leslie's life and legacy will continue to live on through a host of great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear loved ones who will forever hold him close in their hearts.



ORDER OF *Service*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Soft Music

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament & New Testament
Minister/Appointee

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister/Appointee

SILENT OBITUARY READING

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Take Me To The King" | Arian Brown

RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

(Please limit remarks to two minutes)

Janet Booker

Charnese & Carolyn Johnson

Joseph & Cynthia Hines

Patrick Sears III

Brenda Chatman

Jamya Shepard

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Safe In Hs Arms" | Patrick "PJ" Sears, Jr.

EULOGY

Pastor Terry K. Anderson, Senior Pastor
Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family and Friends



TREASURED



Memories...

Tributes



MY BELOVED SON, LESLIE,

God entrusted you to me, and through you, He taught me what it truly means to be a mother. From the moment you entered my life, my heart was forever changed. You gave my life purpose, strength, and a love deeper than I ever imagined possible. You were wise beyond your years and carried responsibility with quiet strength. Watching you grow—from a brave little boy into a young man who graduated, worked, and took pride in doing the right thing—filled me with indescribable pride. Throughout your cancer journey, you showed resilience, courage, and unwavering faith, even in moments when fear could have taken over.

You taught me how to stand strong, how to trust God, and how to love without limits.

Even in your hardest moments, you never complained—you endured with grace, humility, and steadfast faith. In so many ways, you taught me more than I ever taught you. Though my heart aches in your absence, I find peace knowing you are resting in the arms of our Savior. Until we meet again, know that Mommy loves you beyond words, beyond time, and beyond this life. Rest well, my son. I will see you again.

*Love always,
Mom*

LESLIE, LESLIE, LESLIE—

I became your Godmother at only 15 years old. I had no idea what I was doing, but I was determined to figure it out along the way. I remember the day your mom told me she was pregnant with you. She was scared, nervous, and unsure. I assured her that with the help of God and her village, everything would be okay.

Since October 18, 2004, we shared a special connection and an unbreakable bond. I made sure not only to tell you that I loved you, but to show you as well. As you got older, you did the same for me. You always knew who to call when things were going right or wrong. You never forgot my birthday—no matter how many new phone numbers you had—and you always made sure to tell me you loved me. You would even tell your mom you wanted to come to your godmother's house when she got on your nerves.

You beat cancer like a champion. You went on to graduate from high school, and I cheered you on as if I were watching my own child walk across that stage. You were more than my godson—you were my son. You may have made mistakes along the way, but I was always so proud of you.

Receiving this news hurt me to my core. I could not control my emotions or hold back my tears. You know I loved you and would have done anything for you. I will miss you so much Leslie...

Rest in peace, my Godson.

*Love,
Charnese*

of Love...

MY GRANDSON,

Leslie, Granny will always love you and will miss you dearly...

Love,
Granny Susie

A BEST FRIEND'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

Leslie wasn't just my best friend — he was my person. My safe place. My laughter. My peace. People used to joke that we were a cute couple, and maybe we were — not in romance, but in the way our souls were connected. The kind of bond that didn't need explaining. The kind that just was.

We turned ordinary moments into memories, pain into strength, and silence into comfort. He heard me without words. He showed up without being asked. He loved me in ways that made life lighter.

Now heaven holds what my heart still holds — his smile, his voice, his love that never left. Leslie didn't leave me... he just changed the way he stays. And until my last breath, he'll live in my laughter, my strength, and everything I become.

Forever my best friend.
Forever my person.
Forever my Leslie.

Love,
Asia



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Philip Ware Jr. | Anthony "Tony" Freeman | Nathan Nix, Jr. | Paxton

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Lathan Kennerson | Landen Kennerson | Patrick "PJ" Sears Jr.
Patrick Sears III | Dontae Shepard | Jacques Shepard

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

With grateful hearts, the family of Leslie Dan Kennerson sincerely thanks each of you for your prayers, kind words, visits, calls, and every thoughtful expression of love shown during this time of bereavement. Your compassion and support have been a source of strength and comfort that we will forever cherish.

Leslie's life reminds us that strength is not measured by the length of our days, but by the depth of our faith and the love we leave behind. He faced battles that many never have to fight, yet he did so with quiet courage, dignity, and trust in God. Though his time with us feels far too short, Leslie fulfilled his purpose—he loved deeply, stood strong, and left an imprint on every heart he touched.

We hold fast to God's promise:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

-Psalm 34:18

Though our hearts are heavy, we trust in God's unfailing love and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Thank you for honoring Leslie's life and for walking with our family during this season of loss.

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