



Dr LaQuita Y. Gaskins. On Dec 8, 1968, I was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Earnest Johnson and Barbara Bolden Johnson. I also have a stepfather, Cornell Taylor. He was affiliated with the US Navy, US Air Force, and US Army. He is very much responsible and an active participant in the woman I am today. I have a host of siblings; one I had no clue about until I was 25. I went to introduce myself to her and she did not wish to meet. We look identical. I have one brother whom I have never met but we know of each other. I am a mother of 5 children, Carmon 37, Christopher 35, Candace 32, Lonnie Jr 27, and Camryn 23. I only gave birth to 2 of the 5 children. I am the foster mother of Carmon; I adopted Christopher, who was my husband's nephew. I gave birth to Candace and Lonnie Jr., and Camryn is my stepson. His mother passed and I became his only mother on earth. I am currently married to an amazing husband, a great support for 32 years. Where did the time go? When I graduated high school in 1987, I decided to join the military. I married my first husband because we had a child together and I could not join the military as a single mother. I decided after I joined the military that I was going to pursue my college degree. Education was especially important to me, and I hit the jackpot because not only could I have a career, but I could go to college for free. In 1992, I started my goal of making the military a career. I was a proud 92G/Food Service Specialist until I got married, and my husband wished for me to change my MOS at reenlistment because we both were away from home a lot. And we had our first son together by this time. I changed my MOS to 74 C which over time changed to 42A. After seventeen and a half years, I sustained an injury on active duty. My injuries ended my time in the US Army. The medical board discharged me because of my medical condition. After retiring from the military, I decided to complete college. I currently hold a bachelor's with four cognates and a Master's in Mental Health Counseling and Education. I worked as a minister and Volunteer Coordinator for a mega church in Kentucky and Indiana. I was part of starting a nonprofit organization that is now worldwide. Shiloh City of Peace Foundation Inc., please visit www.shilohcityofpeace.charity. I have a wellness business that is a holistic approach to better health. I completed my doctorate in holistic medicine. I retired in Radcliff, KY with my family. My husband, Lonnie, works full time for the United States Postal Service and is a military retiree, besides farming full time. My oldest two children still live here in Radcliff. The older two live in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. My youngest son is on active duty in the army. We are the proud parents of 2 daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren; one is deceased. He passed at 13 years old. I have a love for traveling and shopping. I am going through the pearl process because I believe in what KEY stands for and I am a natural giver, servant, and assister. Great makings of a strong and happy sister for life.