



Dr. LaQuita Y. Gaskins is a dedicated leader, minister, and advocate whose life reflects a deep commitment to service, education, and community impact. Born in Memphis, Tennessee, to Earnest Johnson and Barbara Bolden Johnson, she has built a legacy rooted in faith, resilience, and leadership. She is the proud mother of five children—Carmon, Christopher, Candace, Lonnie Jr., and Camryn—and shares a 32-year marriage with her husband, Lonnie, whose steadfast support has been instrumental throughout her journey.

Dr. Gaskins began her career in service to her country by enlisting in the United States Army following her high school graduation in 1987. While serving, she pursued higher education, demonstrating an early commitment to personal and professional growth. In 1992, she solidified her path as a career military professional. She initially served as a 92G Food Service Specialist and later transitioned to 74C (subsequently reclassified as 42A, Human Resources Specialist, with additional identifiers) to better support her growing family. Her service included work in Special Actions, where she contributed to critical administrative and personnel functions. After more than 17 years of honorable service, she sustained a service-related injury and was medically discharged.

Following her military career, Dr. Gaskins expanded her academic and professional credentials. She holds a bachelor's degree with four cognates, certifications in Forensic Profiling and Naturopathic Practice, and a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and Education. She has also been awarded an honorary Doctorate in Humanities and earned a Doctorate in Holistic Medicine, further strengthening her commitment to whole-person wellness and community care.

In ministry, Dr. Gaskins serves as a Minister and Volunteer Coordinator at St. Stephen Church, a multi-campus ministry serving Kentucky and Indiana. Her leadership supports large-scale volunteer engagement, faith-based programming, and community outreach initiatives. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of Shiloh City of Peace Foundation, Inc., a globally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting peace, wellness, and empowerment. Additional information can be found at www.shilohcityofpeace.charity.

In addition to her nonprofit work, Dr. Gaskins operates a wellness business that emphasizes a holistic approach to health, integrating physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Her work reflects a passion for equipping individuals and communities with tools for sustainable health and personal transformation.

Dr. Gaskins resides in Radcliff, Kentucky, with her husband, Lonnie, a United States Postal Service employee, military retiree, and full-time farmer. Together, they are blessed with a daughter-in-law, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They honor the memory of one great-grandchild who passed away at the age of 13.

Her personal motto, “A natural giver, assistant, and servant at heart,” embodies her lifelong dedication to leadership, service, and faith-driven impact.

