

Leslie Ann Boston

August 18, 1958 - October 21, 2026



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Memorial Service:

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – 2:00 pm

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey



Obituary

Leslie Boston, 68, of East Orange, NJ was born on August 18, 1958 and departed this earth to be with her loved ones, who she deeply missed on October 21, 2026. She was the oldest child of the late William J. Thornton Jr. and Anne Wallace Thornton. She was born and raised with her siblings in Jersey City, NJ. Leslie lived on Oak Street until the age of 12 and then Arlington Avenue until she left for college. She graduated from Henry Snyder High school in Jersey City, NJ and attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Upon returning from Florida A&M, Leslie married Gerald Boston. Leslie and Gerald had one child, Brandon Boston. Several years later, Leslie had another son, Thornton, who died in infancy.

Leslie worked in the insurance field for many years, with several of those years being a part of their family business, Thornwall Agency, on Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City, NJ. She later moved to Newark, NJ where she was a licensed Real estate agent for many years, working out of offices in northern Jersey locations. Leslie was a people person and had a love for computers. Her personality and talents is why Leslie left a mark on so many people's lives. She worked for many years at the Newark YMCA helping people in need. She was a focal part of the start up team for Joi's Angels in East orange from 2004 to 2015 where she volunteered in the food pantry and contributed countless hours helping serve the community.

Leslie retired 3 years ago, at the age of 65, and moved to East Orange, NJ. Along with the work and support throughout her years, Leslie would express her love to the family through cooking. She was labeled the family Chef. She loved everything about cooking. She would spend countless hours preparing meals for the family and was the first person the family would call for recipes and dinner gatherings.

Leslie is preceded in death by her parents (Bill & Anne Thronton), son (Thornton), six aunts & seven uncles.

Left to honor her memory is her son, Brandon Boston, Sister, Pam (Mark) Smith, brother William J. (Shamirra) Thornton III, 3 nephews: Jonathan Adams, Jorge Portorreal Jr. & Miguel Rosello, 3 nieces: Jasmine Adams, Maya Portorreal & Jayla (Bryan) Thornton-Cook, 3 great nephews Jordan, Ross & Bryson, 3 great nieces: Ruby, Jade & Jaycee, and a host of family & friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Special Tributes

Pam Joi Smith

Jay and Shamirra Thornton

Brandon Boston

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory

Hillside, New Jersey

"The Last Request"

Please don't say that I gave up; Just say that I gave in; Don't say that I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best; Just say I tried to do what was right – to give the most I could, not less. Please don't give me wings and halos, that's for God to do; I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give me flowers or talk in real hushed tones; Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been; it's over and it's done; Just see to all of my family's needs, especially the special ones. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw a saint; I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all of your paint. Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember the good times but remember also the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request; Forgive me the wrongs I've done, and with the Love's that's left, Thank God my soul's resting, Thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, Praise God who loved me best.



Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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