

In Loving Memory of
Otis Charles Smalls



SUNRISE: October 15, 1954 - SUNSET: September 10, 2021

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 2PM - 5PM

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Obituary

Otis Charles Smalls, also known as “Freak”, was born in Harlem, New York on October 15, 1954. He was the beloved son of Mary and Leo Watson.

Otis received his education from the New York Public School system, as he attended junior high school in Manhattan and finished high school with his GED. Otis held numerous positions and was the beloved Doorman/Porter for Hillview Towers in Harlem for over 20 years.

As a child, Otis always had a smile on his face and that smile remained on his face until the day he died. From a young age, Otis was a protector and provider; he did not play when it came to his family or his friends. Otis was dependable, honest, trustworthy, and very generous. Otis was a blessing to many. He was always there when you needed him, he had a way of making everyone around him feel safe and taken care of.

Otis was also a fun-loving person; he was caring, kind and very funny. Otis loved music, dancing, cooking and eating. At parties, you could always find Otis on the dance floor. His timeless dance moves and tireless energy made him the life of every party. Otis was always ready for a dance battle where he usually was the last man standing...or should I say, the last man dancing!

Otis treated everyone with love and respect and he didn't bite his tongue. Otis spoke his mind and you knew exactly where you stood with him. Otis was known for his quick comebacks to anyone who had something smart to say. Otis was his own man and lived his life on his own terms.

Otis departed our world on September 10, 2021. The people Otis leaves to cherish his memories and celebrate his life are: his four daughters, Trena Saunders, Tawana Saunders, Tyesha Saunders and Porsha Smalls; the mothers of his children, Beverly Saunders and Desiree Evans; two granddaughters, Iyanna Saunders, Ashea Williams and one unborn grandson; three sisters, Orial Smalls Olivera, Anna Smalls, and Helen Watson; one brother, Norman Watson; nine nieces, Uneetha, Jessica, Christina, Sakiena, Nichole, Justine, Tynise, and Jenise; eight nephews, Leo, Clarence, Damien, Tyriek, Norman Jr., Otis, Jaquen, and Ivan Jr.; grandnieces and nephews; a host of cousins; his dear friends, Wanda Terry, Liz, Mike, Neil, Joe, Willie, Arlene, Andrea, Fox, and Dawn; and other relatives and friends.

Remember, Otis is not alone. He is now with his family in heaven; his parents, Mary and Leo; his brothers, James, Leo, and Bookerte; his sister, Adella; his nephew, Steven “Stephanie”; his mother-in-law, Priscilla Saunders, “Babes”, and we must not forget his C-Low partner Jimmy, “Skull”.

May the memory of Otis live in our hearts forever and for always!

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