

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Otis Leroy Allen III*

**Sunrise**  
**June 30, 1962**

**Sunset**  
**June 13, 2025**



**Service**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Angel Roman Catholic Church**

2860 Sedgwick Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10468

# Obituary

Otis Leroy Allen III was born on June 30, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York to Otis and Joanne Allen. He was number three, of five siblings: two older sisters, Kim and Roxanne, and two younger brothers, James and Micheal (Micheal preceded Otis's transition two years ago).

Otis excelled in sports/athletics, art, and was a student of the world, as he had a passion for learning a little bit of everything. He started traveling and working at a young age, demonstrating dedication and an admirable work ethic, by balancing work and school at the same time. He earned several skills and eventually landed on a career as a Credit & Collections specialist. This led him to work at the company, Bernard Hodes, which then, led him to Angela LaNaé Hawkins in 1989. They started dating in January of that year, and were married by December, on New Year's Eve. They moved uptown to The Bronx, and started their lives together. Since then, they have been pioneers and, together, a pillar of continuity, inspiration, and solace for so many others.

Their union of about 36 years yielded two children, Aleisha- an actress and medical speech-language pathologist, and Omarri- a third grade detective specialist and educator of the NYPD, whom are his pride and joy- and ultimate sources of bragging rights. One of his many favorite "Otis-isms" was, "If I never do another great thing in this life, at least I could say I have this family I created". Otis was soft-spoken, but loved hard and out loud, and had jokes and tricks for everything and everybody. Family, food, and fishing, amongst other hobbies, were some of the things that brought him joy.

Within the past 5 years, Otis lost some very important family members and friends, whom he missed so dearly. As his health started to decline, he braved and endured deep challenges on multiple levels, and ultimately did it all, his way.

On Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, his final challenge was enduring a severe heart attack at home. From this tragedy, he was able to be a blessing, as he gifted someone another chance at life through organ donation. As always, a giver of love and light.

Otis may not have been the flashiest, tallest, strongest, or fastest, but, even to the end, he had heart. So much so, that after the life support was removed, his heart kept beating on its own for 23 whole minutes! Just enough time for his wife, daughter, and son to have their last physical moments with him- singing, crying, and eventually laughing, as they always did.

Although he physically leaves behind an immense number of relatives, extended family members, and friends here to miss him, Otis Leroy Allen, is now free.

# *Order of Service*

## I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song ..... Amazing Grace

Opening Prayer

## II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: From the Old Testament ..... (Wisdom 3:1-9)

Responsorial Psalm - Sung by the Musician

Second Reading: From the New Testament .....(Corinthians 4:14-5:1)

Gospel: From the Gospel .....(Matthew 11:25-30)

Homily .....by Father Joseph Franco

Prayer of the Faithful

## III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song ..... His Eye is on the Sparrow

## IV. RITE OF COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer & The Sign of Peace

Communion Song ..... Take Me To The King- Tamala Mann

Post Communion Reflection ..... (I Am the Bread of Life- Will Raise You Up)

Prayer After Communion

## V. RITE OF DISMISSAL

Eulogy ..... Read by Aleisha L. Allen

Original Poem ..... Read by Kimberly Bailey

Tribute ..... Read by Omarri L. Allen

Final Commendation

Recessional Song ..... Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*Final Disposition*  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

Otis's Home-going Playlist:

*Ribbon In The Sky- Stevie Wonder*

*Boots On The Ground- 803Fresh*

*Beautiful- Snoop Dogg*

*Return of The Mack- Mark Morrison*

*Cutie Pie- One Way*

*Mr. Big Stuff- Jean Knight*

*Acknowledgments*

The Allen family extends heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love, kindness, and support shown to them during this time. As they celebrate the life and legacy of their beloved, your presence and thoughtful gestures have brought comfort and joy to their hearts.

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