

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Allen Franklyn Smalls, II

Sunrise
August 12, 1947

Sunset
April 6, 2022



Service
Friday, April 15, 2022 • 11:30 a.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer of Consolation

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Eulogy

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition
Fresh Pond Crematory
Middle Village, New York

Obituary

Allen Franklyn Smalls, II, was born in The Bronx, on August 12, 1947 to Allen Smalls and Isabelle Wright Smalls of South Carolina. The family lived in the Bronx until Allen was 7 years old. In 1954, Allen and Isabelle purchased a home in South Ozone Park. It is in this house Allen lived until his passing on April 6, 2022.

Allen attended Public School 155 and Shimer Junior High School where he was President of the 6th grade. At that time, he was one of the only African American children in the school. He was involved in many activities such as the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the explorers (senior patrol troop). He participated in softball and track and discovered his love of basketball at age 9.

Music was also one of his passions. He played the violin and upright bass in the All-City Orchestra with performances at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. At 14 he started a singing group and recorded three records. He attended Aviation High School where he took private guitar lessons and of course was on the basketball team.

He attended Canton Technical College, New York Institute of Technology – both on basketball scholarships. However, he dislocated his knee, which killed his dream of the NBA, but focused him on his academic talents. Allen continued pursuing his degree and received a BS in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.

In 1968, in order to buy a car, Allen started selling candy door to door and was handsomely rewarded for that time period. He quickly moved up to distribution with his own sales team in 13 cities which included Rochester, Syracuse, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles. After graduation he moved to Orlando, Florida to work at the National Office as a junior salesman.

After two years he returned to New York for an opportunity to work with the NYC Department of Correction to computerize the city payroll system for the Department. Within seven months he was promoted to Assistant Payroll Chief. He worked for the Department of Correction for 20 years. His career also included jobs with Alcohol Tobacco and Fire Arms, the Department of Transportation and finally the New York Police Department. He retired in 2012.

Church was always an important part of his development. The Smalls' were the first black members of Dunton Presbyterian Church of South Ozone Park. He attended Sunday School and eventually was a Sunday School teacher, Men's choir member and was named Deacon of the Year in 1999.

Allen is survived by three children, Allen Smalls, III (AJ), Jarian Smalls (Michelle, Elijah, and Jarian Jr.) and Gihan Smalls as well as a host of relatives and close friends.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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