

# MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.

For this journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss me, but let me go.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Colón family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the support, and prayers during this difficult time. The calls, texts, and profound outpouring of love, has been extremely meaningful and uplifting. Through our cherished memories, OTILIO will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath and share our lives with our loved ones.

## ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

  
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# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# OTILIO COLÓN

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1965 - SUNSET: FEBRUARY 26, 2024

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 9, 2024 • 3:00 PM

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY, *Officiating*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION** .....PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

**SELECTION**

**SCRIPTURE** ..... GABRIELLE COLON-MERRELL

**OLD TESTAMENT** ..... ISAIAH 41:9-10 NLT

**NEW TESTAMENT** ..... JOHN 14:1-4 NLT

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** .....PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

**SELECTION**

**REFLECTIONS** ..... FREDERICKA BASHIR

LESLEY DUBISON

**OBITUARY** ..... ALONZO LEFLORE

**SELECTION**

**EULOGY** .....PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

**COMMITTAL/BENEDICTION** .....PASTOR TERRANCE KENNEDY

**RECESSIONAL** ..... CLERGY & FAMILY

**FINAL VIEW OF PHOTO TRIBUTE**

**RECESSIONAL**

# OBITUARY

We mourn the loss of **OTILIO COLÓN**, who passed away on February 26, 2024. Known affectionately as “Tee” or more formally as Otilio, he was a charismatic and nurturing soul whose radiant personality lit up every room he entered. He was a loving father, son, brother, and uncle leaving behind his beloved daughter, Olivia Colón, mother, Maria Colón, siblings Nancy Colón, Steve Colón and Andrew Colón, a host of nieces and nephews, and former spouse, Audra Colón. He was predeceased by his father Esteban Colón.

Otilio was born in The Bronx, NY to parents Esteban and Maria Colón on September 11th, 1965 and was the first born out of four children. He grew up in the East Harlem neighborhood of Manhattan, New York. He attended P.S. 146 elementary school and Benjamin Franklin High School. Otilio worked as a Heating Plant Technician for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) for over 30 years until his retirement in 2018. He was also a part of Narcotics Anonymous, an organization close to his heart for over 30 years. His spirit of service and commitment to NA was truly inspirational.

While at NYCHA, Otilio met Audra Simmons. They were married for 13 years and share a daughter, Olivia who he always called “Boobie” or his “twin”.

With a taste for the finer things in life, Otilio loved his fancy desserts, such as tiramisu or blueberry cheesecake and enjoyed sipping on a smooth Americano coffee. He held a deep passion for art, fashion, cigars, music, and traveling. Otilio’s love for culture was far-reaching. He found pleasure in the grandeur of operas and the vibrancy of art or fashion exhibits. His favorite musicians range from Hector Lavoe and Celia Cruz, to Janet Jackson, Prince, & Tina Turner, but he also held a soft spot for classical and opera music. Even his recreational activities were a testament to his zest for life, from traveling, smoking a cigar on the beach in Honduras, to sharing precious moments with family and friends.

Described as bubbly, funny, welcoming, supportive, and caring Otilio’s warmth was contagious. His joyous laughter and encouraging words will echo in the hearts of those who knew him. He will forever be missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As we remember Otilio, let us celebrate his vivacious spirit. It is in cherishing our fond memories that we keep him alive in our hearts. May his journey forward be filled with the same love, joy, and vibrancy that he brought to our lives.

