# OTIS WENDELL WILLINGTON SMITH Sunrise: February 13th 1985 || Sunset: October 23rd 2024



# FORMAL REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of Otis Smith

Thirty-nine years ago, a beautiful baby boy named Otis Smith was born on Island Harbour, weighing 9lbs 1oz to his loving parents, Leo and Joyce Smith. He was the second son of his parents, and they later had two other sons. From a young age, Otis was loved by many, especially his older brother Jevon, with whom he was inseparable.

During his early years, he attended pre-school for two years, later graduating to the Island Harbour primary School. He loved school, especially when his Aunt Beverly would walk him and his brother Jevon to school, making them feel safe and cared for. He continued his education at the ALHCS, where he reconnected with his cousin Shan, and the two became inseparable for quite some time.

Otis was a very handy and hard working person. He assisted his father with the making of bannisters, which were then sold across the island. Like many teenagers, he enjoyed school but wasn't fond of music class. Himself, Shan, Kimberly, and a few others, would sometimes skip class and sneak over the park wall to watch the other students during their physical education class. He was loved by everyone, and his infectious spirit continued to shine throughout his years.

However, a devastating loss struck when his brother Jevon tragically passed away in a drowning accident. In the aftermath, Otis struggled, and for a while, he wanted to give up on life. His family, always his support system, encouraged him to stay strong. Though he carried the grief with him, he eventually decided to move forward.

As time went by, Otis fell in love with Nadira Smith. Out of this union came their daughter, Arianna Smith, in November 2013. The look of joy on his face when he held her for the first time was priceless. He became the best father any little girl could ask for, spending her first three years with her, holding her close and showering her with love. Despite the distance when she moved back to her mother's homeland in June 2016, Otis remained a constant presence in Arianna's life. He ensured she was always supported, calling often, sending money, and staying involved in her education and extracurricular activities.

Otis' love and kindness extended beyond his family. He was a selfless person who would give you the shirt off his back or the last piece of bread if you were in need. His generous heart touched everyone who knew him.

# FORMAL REMEMBRANCE CONT'D

In 2021, Otis met a beautiful flight attendant by the name of Aklieema Basir on Facebook. They quickly became friends, and over two years, their bond grew into something deeper. She traveled to Anguilla to meet Otis in person, and from there, their love blossomed. They traveled back and forth, building a strong relationship despite the distance, until Aklieema made the decision to take a break from flying and settle in Anguilla with Otis.

Together, they began to build a life, and in July 2024, Otis proposed to her. Shortly after, they discovered they were expecting a child, and Otis' excitement was palpable. He would kiss Aklieema's belly and talk to the baby, knowing he was going to be the best father.

But on October 23, 2024, Otis' life was tragically cut short. His passing left a void in the hearts of his loved ones, but his legacy of love, kindness, and strength will live on.

He had a deep passion for fishing, which was evident due to the many hours he spent at sea, building fish pots, lobster traps and crayfish boxes. He also fished for Mahi-Mahi and tuna. His time spent on the beautiful blue waters brought him peace and joy. He made lasting memories with his friends and family.

In his final days, Otis lived life on his own terms. He worked on 15 new fish pots with his friend Glendon, paid his bills, and made sure his fiancée and unborn child had food. He wanted them to know how much he loved them. Otis made sure to square up with his cousin Vern at the barber shop, ensuring everything was in order.

Though we may never fully understand why he was taken so soon, we take comfort in knowing Otis lived his life with love and integrity. This is not goodbye; it is simply, until we meet again.

Rest in peace Otis Smith, you will always be remembered as a sweet soul who touched the hearts of everyone around you.









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		#300 Rock Of Ages
Prayer		Elder Keith Smith
Special Music		Vern Smith
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21:1-5 KJV	. Elder Lester Fleming
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# HYMNS AT THE CHURCH

### What A Friend We Have In Jesus

### Verse 1

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

### Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

### Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### **How Great Thou Art**

### Verse 1

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy Hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

### Refrain

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
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### Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze

### Verse 3

And when I think that God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin.

### Verse 4

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim "My God, how great Thou art!"



# HYMNS AT THE CHURCH

### **Rock Of Ages**

### Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

### Verse 2

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

### Verse 3

When my pilgrimage I close;
Victor o'er the last of foes,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



### **Nearer My God To Thee**

### Verse 1

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

### Verse 2

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

### Verse 3

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven; all that thou sendest me, in mercy given; angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

### Verse 4

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee!

### Verse 5

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee!



Otis, My son, it is very hard for me to express the pain and grief that I am feeling. I am writing this with a very heavy heart. Only God knows my pain, not being able to say goodbye to you is really tearing me apart. Every time I spoke with you I made you to understand That I love you and you responded that you love me too. You always made me proud of you, and how you carried yourself. I always promised to help you in any way that I could have. All that is left with me now is your memory. I will always keep you in my heart. RIP my dear son.

### Love always, your dad, Leo

My heart aches with a sorrow too deep for words. Though you are gone from this world, your memory will forever live in mine. We've shared laughter, tears and countless adventures. You were more than just a brother, you were my friend, my confidant and my protection. I will cherish every moment se had together. Rest in peace my dear brother, until we meet again.

### Your brother, Leodiel

My sweet brother, my love for you is the only thing that was indestructible in this world. We're not always face to face, but heart to heart. I love you and may your soul rest in peace.

### Your one and only sister. Larnesha

Though you are no longer here, your spirit lives on in my heart. You brought joy, laughter, and love into my life in ways I never imagined possible. I'm so grateful for the love we shared and the beautiful moments we created together, especially with our unborn child. You are forever missed and always in my heart I love you infinity Otis.

### Your fiancée, Aklieema

Oat's, I truly wasn't ready for this heart break but I knew your pain and I forgive you for the path you chose. I can remember us growing up, we were inseparable. Whenever my mom would bring me Island Harbour you and Jevon would be so happy to see me, lol, we would go out in the bush to pick popes, play in the red dirt, and oh yes, fall and get cut up on those pointed rocks, just to get licks in the end. No matter what we always had fun. It was even better when aunty Sadie crew would join us for summer, man, those were the days. As we got older we kept that special cousin bond an stuck together in high school where people actually thought we were siblings. Otis, you were my first favorite cousin, now your gone. It's really painful man but I won't question you. I always knew the day would come but I never thought it would be so soon. I will forever love you no matter what. You will remain in my heart. Take your rest now cuz until we meet again, I love you Otis.



We're from the same shoot, the same family tree; into this world we sprouted, call it destiny. It's cousin to cousin, a special thing, a closeness to which we're tire; and you've always been there to laugh with me or even when I cried. Anyway, I think it's fantastic that you were meant to be a part of my life, my cousin, you'll always be special to me.

### Cousin, Lucille James

### ~ UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN ~

Those special moments of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back for just a while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

### Your loving aunt, Sadie

My dearest son, though your time with us was too short, your memory shines brighter than any star. Your laughter still echoes in my heart and your love remains a constant warmth. Though grief weighs heavy, I find comfort in the love we've shared.

Rest in peace my sweet boy until we meet again.

### With love, your mom, Joyce

### ~ OTIS my dear friend/cousin ~

Words can't describe the pain I felt when I heard the news. You're gone from the flesh but never from the spirit. The Lord knows best; he gave you wings to fly, but if only he had spared you a little longer. Instead, he saw your pain and I'm sure he has forgiven you because we all have. Sleep now Otis until we meet again.

### Your cousins, Kimberly & Kerry

The moment that you died my heart was torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with you. I often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheeks. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, but missing you is heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain, until the joyous day arrives that we will meet again

### From you cuz Shamella SXM

Your gentle smile, your warm embrace, memories like those death cannot erase. You were a humble gentleman and I love you daily. Rest in peace until we meet again in Jesus arms.

Your Grandmother, Brenda Vanterpool-Hughes



Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. I will see your captivating smile forever. Every time we meet, you would say "Hi Aunty" and your whole face would light up with that beautiful smile. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Your wings were ready but our hearts were not. Gone but never forgotten.

### Love always, aunty Shona and family

Nephew, of all the many blessings, however great or small, To have had you for a nephew was the greatest one of all The family chain is broken now and nothing seems the same But as God takes us one by one, the chain will link again.

### **Aunty Silla**

Gone too soon. God always choose the best of his angels to watch over his people. Rest in peace my loving nephew. To his parents, ride out your storm, God is right there with you. Remember, God promised that he will never leave you nor forsake you. So hold on to Jesus and never loose faith.

### From aunty Ronda Hodge & Family

Remembering my nephew Otis Smith.

Thank you for showing us, near and far, that life is short and we need to show more love and respect. We must take nothing for granted. Shine on shine on.

### You uncle Erry Vanterpool (UK)

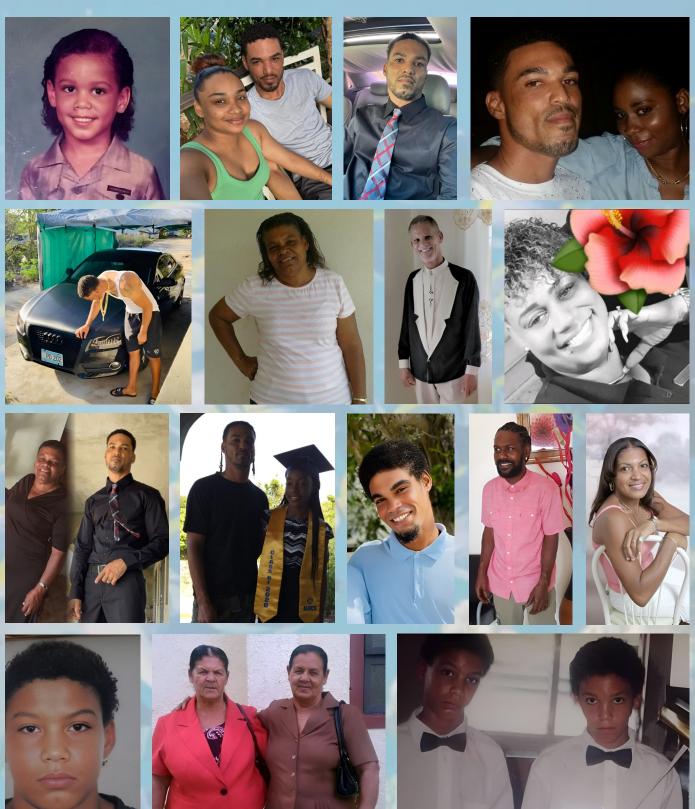
The day you left us and gained your wings, our hearts were broken into pieces. It's been the hardest thing for us to know that you're gone. The memories we have of you will never fade away, not forgetting that smile that brightens up the day. You didn't leave us behind because a part of us left with you the day heaven called you home. Just remember one thing, we will never be apart, you're with us in memory and in our broken hearts.

### **Your Aunt Deloris and Family**



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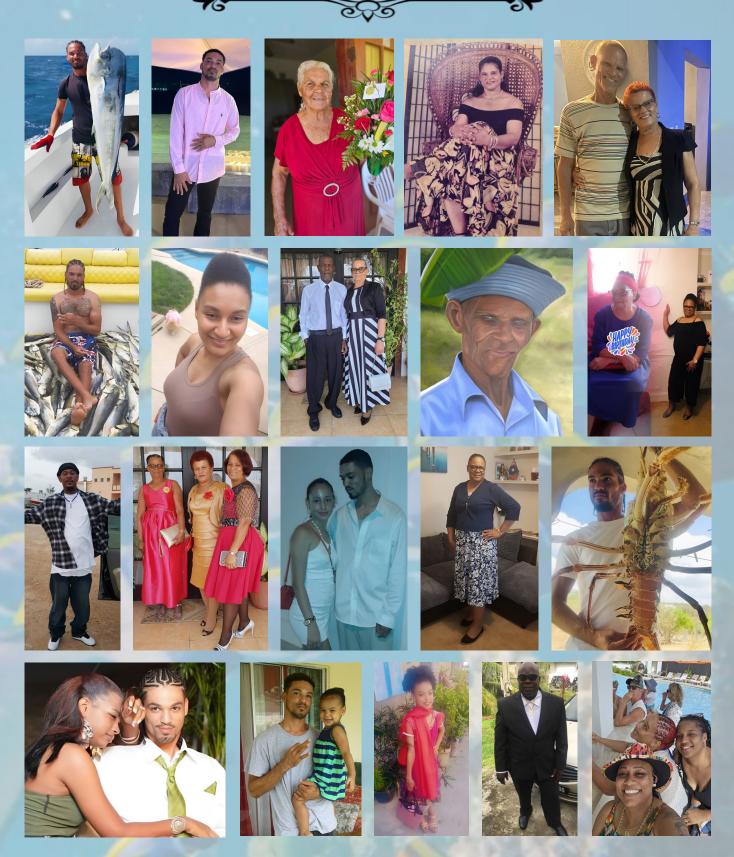




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# HYMNS AT THE GRAVESTDE

### It is well

### Verse 1

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

### Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

### Verse 2

My sin-oh, the joy of this glorious thought My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

### Verse 3

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,

even so, it is well with my soul.

### **Until Then**

### Verse 1

My heart can sing when I pause to remember, A heartache here is but a stepping stone. Along a trail, that's winding always upward, this troubled world, is not my final home.

### Refrain

But until then, my heart will go on singing, Until then, with joy I'll carry on, Until the day my eyes behold the city, Until the day God calls me home.

### I Must Tell Jesus

### Verse 1

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.

### Refrain

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

### Verse 2

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles, He is a kind, compassionate Friend; If I but ask Him He will deliver, Make of my troubles quickly an end.

### Verse 3

Oh, how the world to evil allures me!
Oh, how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
Over the world the vict'ry to win.

### Verse 2

The things of earth will dim and loose there value,

If we recall they're borrowed for awhile; And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble.

Remember there, will only bring a smile.



### **Under His Wings**

### Verse 1

Under His wings I am safely abiding;
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me;
he has redeemed me, and I am His child.

### Refrain

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings, my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.

### Verse 2

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to its rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort, and there I am blest.

### Verse 3

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are over;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me;
Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

### A Child Of The King

### Verse 1

My Father is rich in houses and lands, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

### Refrain

I'm a child of the King, A child of the King: With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

### Verse 2

My Father's own Son, the Savior of men,
Once wandered on earth as the poorest of them;
But now He is pleading our pardon on high,
That we may be His when He comes by and by.

### **Sweet By And By**

### Verse 1

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

### Refrain

In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

### Verse 2

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

### Verse 3

To our bountiful father above
We will offer our tribute of praise;
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.

### Verse 3

I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
A sinner by choice, an alien by birth,
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.

### Verse 4

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over there;
Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing:
All glory to God, I'm a child of the King.

# LEFT TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE

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Perhaps you sent a lovely card. or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral piece. if so, we saw it there. perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day, whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. thank you.

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