



## John Amara Walters

February 9, 1992 - October 2, 2021

John Amara F. Walters

The Universal Man – Beloved Son, Brother, Nephew, Cousin and  
Confidante to Many

Sunrise- February 9, 1992; Sunset – October 2, 2021

John Amara Walters, age 29 of Adrian and Washington, D.C. passed away Saturday morning October 2, 2021 in his mother's arms at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

John Amara was born February 9, 1992, in Adrian, Michigan to John A.M. Walters and Kimberley H. Davis Walters. A graduate of Adrian High School Class of 2010, John Amara went on to Howard University in Washington, DC graduating magna cum laude in 2015 with Psychology Major and Political Science Minor. John Amara was the nonpareil/incomparable “Universal Man” because so many felt he was their own son, brother, nephew, or cousin. He was more than well-loved and discerningly loved the hundreds of people he came in close contact with, worked tirelessly with alongside.

While still a student at Howard, he was a member of the Michigan Club of Howard University and interned for then U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen of Maryland. Upon graduation from Howard, he immediately became a highly talented, effective, and beloved Legislative Aide to then United States

Congressman and now Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland where John directed the Senator's correspondence program and was subject matter expert for the Senator on the issues of Judiciary Nominations, Criminal Justice Reform, Gun Safety, Telecommunications and Digital Inclusion & Equity, Election Security, Consumer Protection (FTC), Consumer Safety, Labor, The U.S. Post Office, and Federal Employees. John Amara fought and lived for social betterment with substantive impact from the time he was a child.

John Amara was supremely devoted to his large close-knit family, extended family, friends and colleagues. He was universally known for his amazing warmth, devotion, love and lightening wit. John Amara was highly intelligent, strategic thinker and problem-solving - always with his unique laugh and smile. John was serious, focused and made his family and ancestors proud. He hails from a long line of female and male business and social entrepreneurs, multi-professionals, nurses, teachers, community leaders, Tuskegee Airman grandfather, founders of towns in Texas and Arkansas as well as the current and historical male and female Sierra Leone traditional rulers/leaders of the Mofindor sub-chiefdom with seat at Monongoh and the Banda Chiefdom who were/are rulers of the Mende Sherbro peoples.

At six-years-old John Amara began working on local, state and national political and three presidential campaigns and community service every year stretching from Adrian, MI, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Lansing, Brooklyn, NY and Washington, DC. He was like a grandson to Rosa Parks as he participated in the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute Pathways to Freedom Program with his sister from the time he was seven-years-old and grew to the age of traveling on Mother Parks program as a teenager.

He was an intern for Senator Carl Levin while a sophomore in high school and in his junior year of high school attended and graduated from the Georgetown University Junior Statesman of America program in Washington, DC.

He is survived by his mother Kimberley of Northville, Michigan he is preceded in death by his father John (Mozambique) and his beloved sister Mariama F. Walters (Adrian). John Amara is survived by two half-brothers Basee and Eustace Walters of New York, a half-sister Nenneh Walters Springer of North Carolina, numerous aunts and uncles including, John (Carol) Davis, Sharon Davis, Gregory (Jacqui) Davis, Jeffrey (Kathy) Davis, Karen (Mel) Johnson, numerous close first cousins, 2nd cousins, great-aunts/uncles and extended family numbering in the 100's.

John Amara was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jessie and Herbert Davis of Adrian and Ernest and Mariama Walters of Freetown, Sierra Leone (West Africa).

Funeral Services for John Amara will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12 PM at the family farm, located at Stone Wood Place, 3748 Black Hwy, Adrian, MI. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Adrian, MI. Public visitation will take place on Friday, October 15, 2021 from 6 to 8 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, MI. Memorial contributions in memory of John Amara Walters may be made to Howard University [www.givinghoward.edu](http://www.givinghoward.edu) or to Sickle Cell Disease patient care and research at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, designate "other" and Dr. Hedy Smith/Sickle Cell Clinic Hematology/Oncology. In Tribute Information select Tribute Type and My gift is a tribute to John Amara Walters at [www.giving.medstarhealth.org/mwhcdonate](http://www.giving.medstarhealth.org/mwhcdonate). Envelopes will also be available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stone Wood Place  
3748 Black Hwy.  
Adrian, MI

## Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM.

Howard University at Dunbarton Chapel  
Washington , DC

## Memorial Service

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Capitol Hill

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a John Amara Walters Funeral Service in memory of John Amara Walters*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - October 19, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *John Amara Walters*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Amara Walters.*



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October 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *John Amara will always live in our hearts. We watched him grow into a phenomenal young man who contributed much to his community and country during his short lifetime. We are blessed to know him and he will always live in our hearts and minds. Condolences to Kim and his extended family.*

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**Harrison Blackmond** - October 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM

TR

“ To Ms. Kim & family, relatives , and friends of John Amara Walters, We are sorry for your loss. We pray that God will strengthen you in the days and months to come. Reading some of what John has accomplished, he did a lot in his short life, but what an impact he has left. May God grant everyone peace during this time and may you all reflect in on the precious memories that have been created.

*Tony & Tammy Rositas*

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**Tammy Rositas** - October 16, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John Amara Walters.



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October 16, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John Amara Walters.



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October 15, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RJ

“ *I offer my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. John was a wonderful young man, I pray that God will console you during this time. Rev. Dr. Howard J. Tranumn Jr.*

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**Rev.Dr. Howard J. Tranumn Jr.** - October 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

AT

“ *Condolences to Kim and family on the loss of a brilliant young man, I had the pleasure of knowing. May God be with your family through these heartfelt times.*

*Tony & Angela Trnumn*

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**Anthony Keir Trnumn** - October 15, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Amara Walters.*



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October 14, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Amara Walters.*



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October 14, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DH

“ I worked with John for the last few years. We typically covered different policy portfolios so we didn't work closely together very often. He was however one of the first people I would greet every morning coming into the office. We always had a nice chat about our weekend travels and whatever the hot topic of the day was. He was such a kind person and I will always miss my morning chats with him. I'm so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Deb Haynie

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**Deb Haynie** - October 14, 2021 at 02:02 PM

HS

“ My heart is broken and I grieve with you as the mourn the loss (too early) of this bright light. Yet he leaves this world so much better for his time here. Blessings to Kim and the family from the entire hospital community at Washington Hospital  
John was more than a patient to so many and we will miss his familiar swagger!  
Hedy Smith

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**hedy smith** - October 13, 2021 at 08:56 AM

MC

“ Kim, Gregg, Kristin, and the entire Davis family, our hearts ache with yours for the loss of our beautiful brilliant star we all knew as John Amara. Thank you Kim for your generosity in sharing him with us since 2009; we would have understood had you decided to keep him all to yourself - he is just that lovable. I remember when he babysat for Linay and Benny, and 3 year old Benny obeyed his every command and said he was “the best babysitter we’ve ever had!” Benny is 12 now so John Amara would have been about 19 or 20 years old at the time. When he and my goddaughter Danielle checked into the dorm for his Georgetown Summer Scholars program, we knew we had a special young man in our midst. We are proud now that we displayed Senator Van Hollen’s sign in our yard when we didn’t even live in Maryland; we are so grateful for the senator’s recognition of John Amara’s specialness, and for flying a flag over the Capitol in John’s honor. I recall my dear friend Zora’s mom saying to us, “A long life is a good life, but a good life is long enough.” I guess we will have to find comfort in knowing that John Amara’s earthly life was good, and long enough for him to do what God had in mind for his brief journey. We will stay close in the days and weeks ahead.

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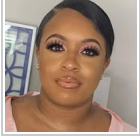
**Maurita and Paul Flippin and the Coleys** - October 12, 2021 at 10:51 PM

TH

“ John Amara was an exceptional young man. Smart, funny, warm hearted, caring, and the list goes on and on. He will be missed by all whom he touched. My prayers and condolences go out to his mother and family.

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**Toni Hines** - October 12, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *John, there are not enough words to say what you mean to me as a friend. I love you dearly. I will continue to love you dearly. And I hope you knew that while you were here.*

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**Jasmine Gordon** - October 12, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ *Dear Kim, my heart is broken for you. Your family has always held such a special place in my heart. I was primary nurse to John and Mariama during their inpatient stays on 7Mott. Your family taught me so much about Sickle Cell Anemia and the challenges that were unique to this disease, about perseverance and self advocacy. John was a beautiful soul and I feel so blessed to have known him. I will miss his smile, his laugh, his appetite, his positive energy and his great mind.  
The world has lost a great human, but his footprints will remain forever.*

*Love and Hugs,  
Janell*

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**Janell Steel** - October 12, 2021 at 07:11 PM

LS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Kim. John's death is especially hard to understand given all that he had accomplished in his short life. My faith tells me that God is good all the time. I pray for God's comfort and peace that passes understanding for you in this very difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Lois Sayler*

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**Lois Ann Sayler** - October 12, 2021 at 09:13 AM

SH

*Dear Kim, I had the privilege of meeting John Amara over Zoom when he was taking care of you after hip surgery. His wit hilarious and his devotion to you just awesome. I feel blessed to have witnessed your bond and pray your comfort, strength and well-being daily. May God bless you with memories that bring you peace and wrap you in their everlasting love. Susan*

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**Susan Hairston** - October 12, 2021 at 08:51 PM

DP

*Dear Kim, I cared for John while he was a young boy going through his health challenges on 7Mott. Despite his age, he projected a maturity, confidence and wit beyond his years. After learning that I, too, liked cheesecake every day that I worked John would order 2 pieces for dinner and share one with me (even if I wasn't his nurse)! I enjoyed spending time with him and getting to know you and Mariama as well. I knew he would be successful but never imagined just how ambitious and accomplished he was. You must be so very proud of the young man you raised. My condolences go out to John's family and friends. His bright smile shines on. Love, Diane Phillips*

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**Diane Mae Phillips** - October 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM

SJ

*To John Amara Walters Family, I wanted the family to know that I have been thinking about you all and will keep you in prayer. Although I never met John, I know his Cousin Sharon, and we are members of the same Bookclub. Sharon often spoke of her wonderful experiences at the family farm in Adrian, MI. Sharon shared John's impressive Obituary, and I realized that I had missed out on meeting someone very special that had left an indelible mark on his special contributions to his community, family, and friends while he lived. I will continue to pray that the family, friends, and community will find comfort in the many treasured memories made with John, and know that our family will be in the thoughts and hearts of many. Although I am unable to attend John's Funeral Services, I will be making a Memorial Contribution. Peace and blessings, with sincere condolences,*

*Sylvia J. Brown Jones*

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**Sylvia J. Brown Jones** - October 15, 2021 at 07:52 PM

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*Kim, I am so, so sorry to learn of your loss. (I always seem to be behind on local papers and read John Amara's obit after the ceremony- I am so sorry to have missed it.) Although I didn't know them deeply, your children were lovely as well as accomplished. I cannot imagine how such a loss feels. I know you are resilient and will somehow find your way through, but my heart breaks for you. I wish you comfort and healing.*

*Cathie Royer*

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**Catherine Royer** - October 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM