



George Swales

August 8, 2022

COLUMBUS — Commander George A. Swales died Aug. 8, 2022.

Funeral services were 2:30 p.m. Saturday, at Annunciation Catholic Church. Visitation was from 1-2:30 p.m. prior to services at the church. Lee-Sykes Funeral Home of Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Swales was a veteran of the United States Navy and was a graduate of George Washington University and Central Michigan University.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara Mae Wicks.

He is survived by his son, Gerald A. Swales; and one grandchild.

Tribute Wall



“ *George Swales*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM

“ To George:

My mentor, guidance on all matters, especially civil rights, I wish you a life of eternal peace. Thanks for all the memories at St. Augustine's Church in Washington D.C. where I know of legion of your friends and fellow Catholics are thinking of you. In a community of uncertainty, you and Clara stood out as a solid rock a refuge. Many parishioners took in your example for strength and inspiration. You always had a keen insight into the churches path, with a healthy skepticism, but in the end a word of encouragement and faith. I am also glad you touched my younger brother's life as well. He had encouraged me to visit St. Augustine back then and it was just by chance that we would meet during the first visit.

Throughout our time together, starting in 1998, you always made me feel like your son. When my Dad passed away in 2016, you completed the transition. I suffered the loss of Dad easier, knowing you and Clara were there. The steady and constant support would help me reach milestones in my career. I was glad to be able to send you my last published story in full color linked here: <https://www.zenger.news/2021/09/21/biden-administration-congress-offering-little-on-new-pandemic-relief-benefits-for-unemployed/>.

As the pandemic raged on, your calls made me focus on the new environment and challenges we face. You said, "Wamara, you are going to have to run faster than others to reach goals in this climate." As always, I took your advice as it was never wrong. Your calm and confident demeanor gave me hope for a positive outcome when things looked bleak. There was plenty of outside examples of how you gave an inspirational example of how to live, both personally and professionally. America needs more people like George Swales. Someone who could co-exist and thrive in any environment, regardless of the conditions.

You will be missed by a legion of fans, including me.

Love Always,

Wamara Mwine



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