He was awarded University of Iowa Old Gold Fellowships in 1979 and 1983 and a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1981. In 1987 he was a visiting Assistant Professor of History and Afro-American Studies at Caretton College. He was an active member of numerous university and community organizations, including the Iowa City NAACP, the Helen Lemme Reading Group, and the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Reading Club. Professionally, he was a member of the American Historical Association, the Association of Social and Behavioral Science, the National Conference of Black Studies, the Organization of American Historians, and the Southern Historical Association.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Fannie Williams Walton; three sisters, Mrs. Velma Comer, Ms. Addie Walton and Mrs. Sherianne Hicks and other members of his family.

Funds in the name of Professor Jonathan W. Walton, Jr. have been established at the University of Iowa Foundation and the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic. Contributions are welcome.

This meeting is held at the Senate Chamber, Old Capitol, The University of Iowa. Do remember that the Old Capitol is a museum, as it was the third Territorial and first State Capitol of Iowa. Therefore, there is no smoking, eating or drinking permitted in the building.
Jonathan W. Walton, Jr.

Jonathan Walton was born September 15, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Jonathan Walton, Sr. and Mrs. Fannie Williams Walton. He died in Chicago on Sunday, July 31, 1988.

In 1962, he graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago and entered the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois in 1968. He held a graduate fellowship at Haverford College, received his Master of Arts degree from Princeton in 1974 and his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1979.

Professor Walton joined the faculty of The University of Iowa in 1977 with a joint appointment in History and Afro-American Studies. During his eleven years at the University of Iowa he became a vital and vibrant force in the university community. He was an active scholar, an influential teacher, and a dedicated friend to many persons throughout the community.

He was a pioneering scholar in the field of U.S. and Canadian Afro-American history. His book manuscript, "Ontario, A Land for Individuals of Any Class or Colour: Race Relations in Chatham, Ontario, 1790 to 1895," has been accepted for publication by Greenwood Press.

Professor Walton regularly taught courses in Afro-American history and demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his students, both undergraduate and graduate.

In addition to his teaching and scholarship, Professor Walton served in a variety of administrative capacities, always with his characteristic dedication and sensitivity. He served as acting Chair of the African-American World Studies Program in 1984-85 and 1986 and as Assistant Chair of the Program in 1987-88.