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Biography

Barack Obama

Barack Hussein Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 4, 1961. His mother and father met at the University of Hawaii and got married on February 2, 1961.

When Barack was a little boy, his parents got divorced. His mom moved to Indonesia. When he was 10 years old, his family moved back to Hawaii, and lived with his grandparents. He liked to be called Barry when he was younger. His father was killed in a car accident in 1982, and his mother died of cancer in 1995.

After high school, Barack moved to Los Angeles. He went to college for 2 years, and then moved to New York. He finished college at Columbia University in New York, and then moved to Chicago. He went to Harvard Law School in Massachusetts and became a lawyer in 1991.

He met Michelle Obama in Chicago and they got married in 1992. They had two children. Malia Ann was born in 1998. Natasha was born in 2001.

Barack Obama wrote two books. They are called *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*.

Barack Obama worked hard for his community and helped a lot of people. He traveled to many countries. He became a senator for Illinois in 2005. He decided to run for president of the United States in 2007. After the 2008 elections, the people decided that Barack Obama was the best person to be president.

Barack Obama became the 44th president, and began his presidency on January 20, 2009. He and his family moved from Chicago to the White House in Washington, D.C.