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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER



“THE FIRST LADY OF THE GREATEST GENERATION”



Barbara Pierce Bush
June 8, 1925 –
April 17, 2018

Hailed as the “First Lady of the Greatest Generation,” the widely admired wife of one president and devoted mother of another, Barbara Pierce Bush, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, April 17, 2018 in her Houston home while holding the hand of the man she had met 77 years prior. Mrs. Bush was 92.

“Our souls are settled because we know hers was,” former President George W. Bush said on behalf of his family in a written statement.

Her body laid in repose that Friday at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston as over 6,000 fellow citizens filed past to pay their respects.

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The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation's Board of Trustees gathered this September in Kennebunkport, Maine. (Photo credit: Chris Smith)



A MESSAGE FROM DAVID B. JONES



We begin our Fall 2018 newsletter paying tribute to the “First Lady of the Greatest Generation,” the amazing, indomitable Barbara Bush. She once instructed her White House staff “each day we should do something to help others,” and that’s exactly what Barbara Bush did everywhere she went for 92 years. What an inspiration she remains; what a sterling example she leaves.

At this special time of year we give thanks for your interest in and support of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation. For the first time, we are including in our newsletter a list of the many generous donors who have helped fund our educational mission in recent years. Our work to help perpetuate and promote George and Barbara Bush’s concept of public service with integrity has arguably never been more important, and we are truly grateful for your friendship.

We appreciate all who serve on our governing and advisory boards, including our Trustees who met this fall in Kennebunkport. We have some very exciting plans and projects that are at the heart of our five-year strategic plan, and I want to personally thank each board member for their leadership and commitment — especially as we prepare for a capital campaign in the near future. Stay tuned for more information on that in our next newsletter.

What an honor it was for us to welcome former Canadian Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila to Kennebunkport in late September to receive the tenth George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service. Prime Minister Mulroney was perhaps President Bush’s closest friend and confidant among his fellow world leaders. In receiving the Bush Award, the 2018 recipient assessed the 41st President of the United States thusly:

“... a quarter century later, the verdict on George Bush’s presidency is in: he was a success in all important matters he undertook and his achievements will live on in history as those of a brave and principled man who served as President of this great Republic with decency, dignity, principle and style.”

Finally, you may have noticed that we have named our Foundation newsletter “Fidelity.” President Bush has named each of his boats *Fidelity*, but the term is also the most apt description for the way he has served our Nation — and his wonderful family and countless friends — throughout his singular life. He is faithful to the core, and we will endeavor to remain faithful to his message and mission in all we do and report in our newsletter going forward. Thank you again for your support. As always, we welcome your questions and feedback.

David B. Jones,
Chief Executive Officer

BARBARA PIERCE BUSH

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At mid-day, President George H.W. Bush, joined by his daughter Doro, made the short drive from his house to St. Martin's to personally thank dozens of his wife's well-wishers. Later that afternoon, son Neil did likewise.

Four of the five living former presidents — Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush — together with First Lady Melania Trump, former First Ladies Michelle Obama, Laura Bush and Secretary Hillary Clinton attended the funeral service on Saturday, April 21st. (President Jimmy Carter was traveling overseas,



ABOVE: Former President Bush 41 and his daughter Doro greet well-wishers at St. Martin's Church on Friday April 20, 2018. (Photo credit: Mark Burns)

BELOW: Some 1,500 invited guests paid their respects to Barbara Bush during the funeral service on Saturday April 21, 2018. (Photo credit: David J. Phillip/AP)

while former First Lady Rosalyn Carter was recovering from a medical procedure.) Also among the 1,500 invited guests were Caroline Kennedy,

the daughter of former President John F. Kennedy; Tricia Nixon Cox, the daughter of former President Richard M. Nixon; Susan Ford Bales, the

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— Susan Baker

daughter of former President Gerald Ford; and Luci Baines Johnson and Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, the daughters of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

They were joined by hundreds of other dignitaries, including Texas Governor Greg Abbott; former Vice Presidents Dick Cheney and Dan Quayle;

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former British Prime Minister John Major; and former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

“Barbara Bush filled our lives with laughter and joy and, in the case of her family, she was our teacher and role model on how to live a life of purpose and meaning,” former Florida Governor Jeb Bush said. “On behalf of our family, we want to thank the thousands and thousands of people for their expressions of condolence and love for our precious mother.”

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ABOVE: First Lady Melania Trump joined former President and Mrs. Obama, former President and Sec. Clinton, former President and Mrs. George W. Bush, and President Bush 41 at the pre-funeral reception. (Photo credit: Paul Morse)

BELOW: Two members of Mrs. Bush’s Secret Service detail stand guard as she lay in repose at St. Martin’s Church on Friday, April 20, 2018.

(Photo credit: Richard Carson)

all,” her friend and confidant, Susan Baker, stated. “God used her as an instrument of friendship to reveal what being

a genuine friend is all about.”

“In 1989, when many Americans lived in ignorance about HIV/AIDS, Mrs. Bush

went to a home for HIV-infected infants and hugged the children there, as well as an HIV-infected adult man,” historian Jon Meacham recalled. “The images sent a powerful message — one of compassion, of love, of acceptance.”

At the conclusion of the 90-minute service, Mrs. Bush’s coffin was wheeled out of the church by eight of her grandsons, who served as pallbearers. During the 90-mile motorcade procession to the Bush Library in College Station that followed, tens of thousands of people lined the highways and roads waving flags, saluting, and standing with hands over hearts as the Bush family passed. Barbara Bush was interred that afternoon in a



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private ceremony in the family plot at the Bush Library Center where her first daughter, Robin, already lay.

Called “Bar,” “Ganny,” “the Silver Fox” and “the Enforcer,” Barbara Bush used a strong blend of candor, humor and tough love to raise six children, 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren (an eighth great-grandchild, Max Walker Lauren, was born two days after her passing). In addition to Robin, she was preceded in death by her siblings Martha Rafferty and James R. Pierce.

After her husband was elected vice president in 1980, Barbara Bush’s signature cause became literacy. At the time, statistics showed that some 35 million U.S. adults could not read above the eighth-grade level. In due course, Mrs. Bush came to recognize the vital importance of family literacy — designing programs to help struggling parents and children. The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which she launched in 1989, has since raised and awarded over \$110 million to create or expand family

literacy programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Several schools, libraries and parks have been named for Mrs. Bush, including middle schools in San Antonio and Irving, Texas, and elementary schools in Houston, Texas; the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie; and Mesa, Arizona. Also bearing her name is the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Mrs. Bush chronicled her life’s story in two autobiographies: *Barbara Bush: A Memoir* (1994), which covered her life through her husband’s term in office; and *Reflections* (2003), which focused on life after the White House and her first son’s ascension to the presidency.

“George Bush and I have been the two luckiest people in the world, and when all the dust has settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family and friends,” Barbara Bush wrote in 1993. “We have been inordinately blessed, and we know that.”

“Barbara Bush filled our lives with laughter and joy and, in the case of her family, she was our teacher and role model on how to live a life of purpose and meaning.”

— Jeb Bush



TOP: A military honor guard bears Mrs. Bush’s remains at Bush Library. MIDDLE: The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets stands at attention as the Bush family motorcade arrives at the Bush Library. BOTTOM: The Bush family proceeds to the funeral plot on the grounds of the Bush Library. (Photo credits: Paul Morse)



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LEFT: Secretary Jim Baker congratulates the 2018 recipient of the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service, the Right Honorable Brian Mulroney. RIGHT: From left to right, Alexander “Hap” Ellis, president of the Bush Library Foundation Board; former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III; and David B. Jones, CEO of the Bush Library Foundation. (Photo credits: Chris Smith)

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation presented its 10th George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service to former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on September 28, 2018 in Kennebunkport, Maine. Former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker, III introduced Mulroney and praised the 2018 honoree for ushering in “a new era of regional and bilateral free trade agreements.” Mulroney, a labor lawyer by training, served as the 18th prime minister of

Canada from 1984-1993. He was elected on September 17, 1984 and re-elected on November 21, 1988 while running on a platform of closer trade ties with the United States.

The 2018 Bush Award presentation followed a reception at Walker’s Point hosted by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and his sister, Doro Bush Koch. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Mulroney and Secretary Baker — joined by their wives Mila and Susan,

respectively — enjoyed a private visit with President George H.W. Bush.

The George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service

recognizes an individual’s or group’s dedication to public service at the local, state, national or international levels.

Previous Bush Award Recipients

- 2000 German Chancellor Helmut Kohl
- 2001 Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev
- 2003 U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy
- 2004 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- 2006 Reverend Billy Graham
- 2007 Secretary Robert Gates
- 2011 President Ronald W. Reagan
- 2013 Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser of Qatar
- 2016 U.S. Senator Bob Dole



2018 PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

On March 9th, President and Mrs. Bush welcomed the 2018 Class of Presidential Leadership Scholars to the Bush Library Center for three days of discussions and interactions with former government officials, highlighted by presentations from former White House Chiefs of Staff John Sununu and Andy Card. Now in its fourth year, the Presidential

Leadership Scholars (PLS) program is a joint initiative of the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson — and is designed for mid-career professionals from diverse backgrounds and who share a commitment to facing society's greatest challenges to learn more about leadership.



President and Mrs. Bush welcome the 2018 class of the Presidential Leadership Scholars program to the Bush Center. (Photo credit: Office of George H.W. Bush)

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THE BUSH SCHOOL

BUSH SCHOOL STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BUSH

Students at The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M commemorated Barbara Bush's legacy and devotion to service by selling t-shirts and raising nearly \$3,000 for education and literacy, two causes the beloved former First Lady championed. The funds were distributed equally to the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and the Barbara Pierce Bush Scholarship Fund at the Bush School.

"Mrs. Bush was a stunning woman and remarkable public servant," said Lizzy Leary, a Bush School student who had the opportunity to meet and talk



Rebecca Leppert, a second-year student at The Bush School, presents a check to Dean Mark Welsh after leading a fundraising effort honoring Barbara Bush. (Photo credit: The Bush School)

with Mrs. Bush. "She brought a light into this world, and her impact on Bush School students is immeasurable."

"I'm so proud of these students and all they do to make the world a better place," said the Bush School dean,

"She brought a light into this world, and her impact on Bush School students is immeasurable."

— Lizzy Leary
Bush School student

Mark Welsh. "Their dedication to public service is on display every day, and this is one of those instances. I know how much Mrs. Bush meant to the students, and it seems fitting they remember her in this way."



LIBRARY FEATURED EXHIBIT

"MAPPING TEXAS"

Commissioner George P. Bush of the Texas General Land Office (GLO) joined Bush Library director Warren Finch in April to open the "Mapping Texas: From Frontier to the Lone Star State" exhibit, which runs through January 2, 2019. "As the custodian of the GLO's Archives, I am proud of the work we do every day to protect and share our state's rich history, but I am especially proud both personally and professionally

to be able to share this magnificent collection to those visiting the library that celebrates my grandfather's legacy as a Texan and the 41st President," Commissioner Bush said. The maps presented in this exhibit include Martin Waldseemüller's 1513 Tabula Terre Nove, one of the earliest maps of the Americas and Stephen F. Austin's 1837 Connected Map of Austin's Colony. Don't miss this amazing look at Texas history!



The marvelous collection of the Bush Library's "Mapping Texas" exhibit runs through January 2, 2019. (Photo credit: Butch Ireland)



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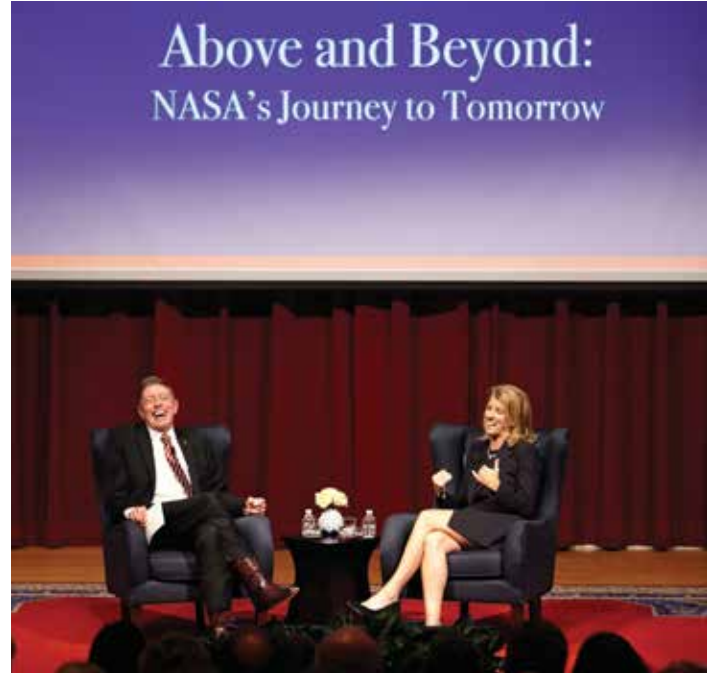


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BUSH FOUNDATION IN DC: GATES AND HAAS

Nearly 300 guests packed the Hall of Flags at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce building in Washington, DC on May 15th for the Bush Foundation’s inaugural event in our nation’s capital featuring former Defense Secretary Bob Gates and Dr. Richard Haas, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, discussing the highlights and challenges of foreign policy in the Bush 41 era. Both Secretary Gates and

Dr. Haas were key members of the Bush 41 foreign policy team, and offered unique “behind the scenes” insights from the Gulf War, German unification, the end of the Cold War, and the other signature achievements of the first Bush administration. Among the special dignitaries in attendance was President Bush’s widely respected former national security advisor, Gen. Brent Scowcroft.



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NASA: ABOVE AND BEYOND

On October 3rd, filmmaker Rory Kennedy, the daughter of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and niece of President John F. Kennedy, offered a crowded auditorium of Bush Foundation guests a sneak peek of her 90-minute Discovery Channel documentary on the history and modern workings of NASA titled “Above and Beyond: NASA’s Journey to

Tomorrow.” Kennedy was joined by former International Space Station commander and current Vice President of Texas A&M Michael E. Fossom, who moderated the fascinating discussion and offered perspective as a former astronaut on both the history and future of America’s space program. Sincere thanks to Rory and Mike for a very special evening!

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UPCOMING EVENT



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VANTAGE POINT: WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHERS

One of the Foundation's most unique events ever kicked off our Fall 2018 event season when three former White House photographers came to the Bush Library to share their unique insights on the American presidents they served and historic events they helped chronicle. David Valdez, who served as personal photographer to Vice President George H.W. Bush and then director of the White House Photo Office from 1989-1993;

Sharon Farmer, Director of White House Photography in the Clinton administration; and Eric Draper, who served as President George W. Bush's chief White House photographer for all eight years, participated in a 75-minute program moderated by Ken Walsh, the widely known author and award-winning White House correspondent and columnist for U.S. News & World Report.

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Those who missed this fascinating discussion covering nearly 30 years of presidential history can find the entire program on the Bush Foundation's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/2q1mzrD>.

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FOUNDATION VINTNER DINNER & WINE AUCTION | NOV. 15TH



Helping support the Bush Foundation's educational mission never — ever — tasted so good. The finest wine-makers in the country are once again stepping forward to pair their sumptuous offerings with the very best culinary creations that the beautiful, new The Post Oak hotel in Houston's Uptown Park can offer. Headlining the Foundation's 9th annual Vintner Dinner & Wine Auction will be Joel McHale — one of the most sought after comedians and actors in the industry, who can currently be seen hosting The Joel McHale Show with Joel McHale on Netflix, a half-hour topical series that takes a sharp, absurdist look at pop culture and news from across the globe. He recently wrapped the indie ASSASSINATION NATION for Sam Levinson, and best-known for his starring role on the hit comedy series COMMUNITY, which ended its sixth season on Yahoo after five seasons on NBC. Mrs. Bush's dear and funny friend, the #1 NY Times Best Selling Author and Sweet Potato Queen herself, Jill Conner Browne, will also be with us to pay tribute to the former First Lady. We hope to see all of you next year in the Fall of 2019 for a very special 10th anniversary Vintner Dinner. You will not want to miss it!

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