George Herbert Walker Bush, World War II naval aviator, Texas oil pioneer, and 41st President of the United States of America, died peacefully at his Houston home on November 30, 2018 surrounded by his family and closest friends, Jim and Susan Baker. He was 94 years old and was survived by five children and their spouses, 17 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two siblings. He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Barbara; his second child, Pauline Robinson “Robin” Bush; and his brothers Prescott and “Bucky”.

A man of quiet but intense faith, President Bush believed his life was, in the pilot’s saying from his World War II days, “ceiling and visibility unlimited” or CAVU for short. He was grateful until the very end both for his family and for the many engaging opportunities he had to serve.
We begin the Spring 2019 newsletter with a tribute to the 41st President of the United States of America — our namesake, our friend, and one of the two individuals who will continue to inspire and guide our actions going forward. As difficult as the President’s passing was coming so soon after losing Barbara Bush, we can also be confident that he would not want us moping around in sadness. Ever the optimist, George Bush was always “looking forward” and moving on to the next event, and so we will take our cues from his sterling example.

In this time of transition, then, we look to a bold and bright future. Our plans, some of which are highlighted in this edition of our newsletter, will build on President and Mrs. Bush’s commitment to service, and leading with integrity, as we take our Presidential Library and Museum and The Bush School of Government and Public Service to new levels of excellence and sustainable growth.

We announced our new name, the George and Barbara Bush Foundation, in early April to reflect Mrs. Bush’s critical role and the substantial contributions she made not only to President Bush’s storied public service career, but also to the many causes she embraced during her own full and meaningful life. Her sustained commitment to service and the respect she earned across the country and around the world made her an equal partner to President Bush, and we could not be prouder now to bear her name on our foundation as well.

Of course, together with our new name, we also have a new website address: GeorgeAndBarbaraBush.org, that also highlights the important work being done by the Bushes’ other “legacy institutions” — the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and Points of Light.

As this year marks three decades since President Bush entered the presidency, we are now approaching some significant and historic anniversaries ahead — including the fall of the Berlin Wall later this year, the unification of Germany in 2020, the liberation of Kuwait in 2021, and more. Each of these occasions present opportunities to remind us of the pivotal leadership role that our 41st President, and our nation, played in these life-altering events. Stay tuned for more news on that front coming soon.

Finally for now, the US Postal Service will issue a Forever Stamp on June 12th in honor of President Bush’s 95th birthday featuring an image that the subject himself personally approved. As many of you can personally attest, President Bush was the ultimate letter writer. Why not pick up a book of these new stamps and send a hand-written note to a friend, a colleague or a loved one?

David B. Jones,  
President and Chief Executive Officer
the country he loved. Earlier that evening, in fact, he took a phone call from his eldest son, President George W. Bush, who recounted their conversation in his eulogy five days later:

“I said, “Dad, I love you — you’ve been a wonderful father.” And the last words he would ever say on earth were, “I love you, too.”

Six days of tributes, honors and ceremonies followed President Bush’s passing. Members of his Secret Service detail served as his first honorary pallbearers on Monday, December 3rd, as the president’s remains were borne from Houston to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, DC by “Special Air Mission 41” — also known as Air Force One.

President Bush subsequently laid in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda until the morning of Wednesday, December 5th. During those 36 hours, over 42,000 persons filed past to pay their respects along with President and Mrs. Trump, congressional leaders of both parties, members of the Supreme Court, and President Bush’s erstwhile colleague and competitor Senator Bob Dole — who was movingly helped out of his wheelchair to salute the president one final time.

At the national prayer service at Washington Cathedral on December 5th, all living presidents and first ladies (except the Carters, who were unable to attend), vice presidents and foreign dignitaries such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Prince Charles were among 3,200 of the Bushes’ close friends and colleagues gathered to remember and celebrate George Bush’s extraordinary life of service. Interspersed with the scripture readings by his granddaughters and Christian rites performed by clergy, the president’s close friends Michael W. Smith and Ronan Tynan sang, respectively,
“Friends” and “Last Full Measure of Devotion.”

“George Herbert Walker Bush was America’s last great soldier statesman, a 20th-century founding father,” declared presidential historian Jon Meacham in the first of four eulogies. “He governed with virtues that most closely resembled those of Washington and of Adams, of TR and of FDR, of Truman and Eisenhower, of men who believed in causes larger than themselves.”

Added former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney: “When George Bush was president of the United States of America, every single head of government in the world knew that they were dealing with a gentleman, a genuine leader, one who was distinguished, resolute, and brave.”

After a warm and entertaining tribute from President Bush’s close friend Senator Alan Simpson, President George W. Bush sounded a deeply personal and emotional note at the very end of his remarks, which earned sustained applause:

“… we’re going to miss you. Your decency, sincerity, and kind soul will stay with us forever. So, through our tears, let us see the blessings of knowing and loving you – a great and noble man, and the best father a son or daughter could have. And in our grief, let us smile knowing that Dad is hugging Robin and holding mom’s hand again.”

That afternoon, the Bush family traveled back to Houston, whereupon over 11,000 persons made their way to St. Martin’s Church as President Bush lay in repose overnight.

On Thursday morning, December 6th, another 1,200 of President Bush’s closest friends, former colleagues and other invited guests filled St. Martin’s for the funeral mass that was led by the Bushes’ pastor, the Reverend Russ Levenson, and featured stirring musical performances by the Oak Ridge Boys, Reba McEntire and the St. Martin’s Parish Choir. The president’s grandsons served as honorary pallbearers, while his granddaughters again took turns with the scripture readings.

Final tributes were rendered by President Bush’s friend of 60 years, former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III, who asserted: “As history will faithfully record, he became one of our nation’s finest Presidents; and beyond any doubt, our nation’s very best one-term President. For millions and millions across the globe, the world became a better place because George Bush occupied the White House for four years.”

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush rounded out the eulogies in part by remembering...
his grandfather’s good-natured antics and caring concern:
“Always the competitor, each night Gampy challenged all of
the grandkids to the coveted ‘first to sleep’ award. In classic
Gampy fashion, he would write letters of encouragement to us
all, whether one of semester at school, whether one of us
—and for the record, not me—drove his Fidelity onto the
rocks, or one of us, definitely not me, ended up in Ganny’s
(Mrs. Bush) crosshairs.”

Following a motorcade to the Westfield train depot north of
Houston and more ceremonies, the Bush family boarded a
special Union Pacific train behind the UP “4141 Engine”
festooned in Air Force One colors. Tens of thousands of
citizens of all ages turned out along the railroad sidings
in chilly, damp conditions waving flags, holding signs of
appreciation, and saluting their fallen president.

Arriving in College Station, the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band
played the “Aggie War Hymn” and the entire Texas A&M
Corps of Cadets lined Barbara Bush Drive as the Bush family
motorcade made the final drive onto the Bush Center
grounds. Despite difficult flying conditions, the U.S.
Navy executed a 21-fighter plane flyover with missing
man formation at the end, after which the family accompanied
President Bush’s casket to the

gravestones for a brief committal
service. The Bushes’ daughter,
Doro Bush Koch, received the
flag that draped her father’s
casket per his wishes.

The next morning, Friday,
December 7th at 6am, his
United States Secret Service
detail concluded their final
shift protecting “Timberwolf”
— ending a nearly 40-year
relationship and partnership of
trust between the agency and
their distinguished protegee.

George Herbert Walker Bush
prized loyalty and duty and
was devoted to his faith, his
remarkable wife and family,
his countless friends, and the
country he served always to
the best of his ability. Despite
the rancor and cynicism
that occasionally engulfed
politics during his lifetime, he
considered public service a
noble calling — which is why,
in his later years, he was so
invested in The George Bush
School of Government and
Public Service at Texas A&M
University.

This great and good man is
gone, but the inspiring work
that he and Mrs. Bush set in
motion continues.
One of the most visible symbols of the American presidency is coming to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Center in College Station. As has been reported by numerous media outlets in recent months, the Bush Presidential Library and Museum will expand to include an exhibit featuring a Marine One helicopter by mid-2021.

The George and Barbara Bush Foundation is working with a special design/construction advisory committee, together with the Washington, D.C.-based McKissack & McKissack firm, to develop a building that will house the 68-foot long aircraft. The project team has selected a site overlooking the pond at the rear of the Bush Library building to take advantage of its scenic views.

The proposed exhibit inside the building will be interactive, with videos and other descriptors telling the story of how the helicopter was used particularly during the first Bush presidency. Visitors will not be able to climb into the helicopter, but will be able to get very close to it.

Also in the works: adjoining the Marine One Exhibit building will be a full-service destination restaurant open year-round to serve Bush Center visitors. As presently conceived, the restaurant may include an observation deck overlooking the pond.

The project renderings still require approval from Texas A&M University.
Marine One is the call sign for any Marine Corps aircraft carrying the President. The fleet of helicopters is operated by the HMX-1 “Nighthawks” and uses two unique aircraft types: the Sikorsky VH-3D Sea King and VH-60N Blackhawk in support of Presidential missions. Marine One can be distinguished by its high-gloss, green and white paint scheme, referred to as “White Tops.”

The Bush Library is contractually slated to receive the first helicopter when the current fleet of 11 aircraft — now 40 years old — is grounded permanently beginning in the fall of 2020, after which it will take a few months for the government to declassify them. The helicopter will be on permanent loan to the National Archives from the Marine Corps.

Maintenance and housing of the helicopter will be the Bush Foundation’s responsibility.

Among their many credentials, McKissack served a lead contractor for the renovations of both the Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson Memorials on the National Mall, and assisted in the development and construction of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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The management board of the Polish energy company Grupa LOTOS is establishing two scholarships for Polish students to attend The Bush School of Government and Public Service. The scholarships are named after the former president and will help Polish students study international affairs at the School.

The scholarships are the first to be available to Polish students who are attending The Bush School. The members of the Polish company created this scholarship because they have fond memories of when President Bush supported democracy in the country.

Patryk Demski, Robert Sobkow and Grzegorz Pytel, all senior executives of Grupa LOTOS, visited President Bush’s and Barbara Bush’s gravesites while attending The Bush School to announce the scholarships.

Dr. Gregory Gause, Department Head of International Affairs at The Bush School, commented on the new scholarships. “The Bush School hosts students from all over the world. That is a legacy of George H.W. Bush, whose presidency and whose whole career was dedicated to advancing American interests and American values around the world. It is an honor to have more Polish students at the School!”

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Department Head of International Affairs at the Bush School
Dr. Charles F. “Chuck” Hermann, the Brent Scowcroft Chair Emeritus in International Policy Studies and founding director of The Bush School of Government and Public Service, is retiring later this summer following 24 years at the Texas A&M — and more than 50 years of work in the field of political science.

Dr. Hermann came to Texas A&M University in 1995 to organize The Bush School leading up to its opening in September of 1997. After The Bush School became an independent unit with its own dean (initially Sec. Robert Gates), Dr. Hermann served as Associate Dean for Academic Programs and then as the designer and first director of The Bush School's master’s program in International Affairs. In The Bush School, Dr. Hermann teaches courses on American foreign policy, international politics, and foreign policy analysis.


Despite his pending retirement, Dr. Hermann and his wife, Mays Business School professor Lorraine Eden, are working to create an endowed fellowship to financially support one high-achieving student each year. “We want to do it every year, and we’ll call them Hermann Fellows,” Hermann told the Bryan Eagle. “It’s for a student in their second year who may not have gotten a top scholarship coming in. Every year, there are people who come in and knock our socks off and do well in classes and take leadership positions. Those are the people we want to target.”

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GRAND CANYON PHOTOGRAPHS: CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL (Until June 9th)
WIT AND HUMOR: AMERICAN POLITICAL CARTOONS (Starting July 15th)

ABOVE: Photographer Mark Burns’ “Winter Solstice Moon” was taken on the evening of December 21, 2018 ‘near’ Mariposa Point, South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park. Burns’ Grand Canyon exhibit runs until June 9th, and will be followed by Wit and Humor: American Political Cartoons in the Ansary Gallery of American History from July 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020.

Grand Canyon Photographs: Celebrating the Centennial exhibit featuring photographs taken at Grand Canyon National Park (and surrounding areas) by American photographer Mark Burns is now on display through June 9, 2019. The project was conceived by Burns to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Grand Canyon National Park in 1919, celebrates the visual image and the role it has played in the history and creation of our national parks. The photographs were taken between 2011 to 2018 and explore multiple genres of photography such as traditional black and white and color landscape, contemporary landscape and pictorialism.

“For me, it’s not really about photographing what I’m seeing, but rather what I’m feeling.” — Mark Burns

“I wanted to explore a variety of photographic genres with this project,” Burns said. “For me, it’s not really about photographing what I’m seeing, but rather what I’m feeling. This is especially important when you’re talking about something as vast and majestic as the Grand Canyon. This exhibit has plenty of traditional pieces, but there are some conceptual works as well.”

This summer will bring the debut of Wit and Humor: American Political Cartoons featuring original artworks and artifacts, including collections from the Library of Congress, which show how cartoons have changed since the early days of the Republic. This exhibit will highlight important cartoons from artists regarded as giants in their field, such as Thomas Nast and Patrick Oliphant, and will be on display in the Ansary Gallery of American History from July 15, 2019 to January 5, 2020.
Adapted from a Feb. 12, 2019 article by Kenny Wiley in The Bryan Eagle.

Two of George Bush’s closest colleagues took to the Frymire Auditorium stage on Presidents’ Day 2019 to share intimate stories about and reflections on the late president. Andy Card, who served as deputy White House chief of staff from 1989 through 1992, and Jean Becker, who served as 41’s post-White House chief of staff, celebrated the former president’s service before a packed audience in the Annenberg Conference Center.

Secretary Card spoke of President Bush’s “unmatched record of making the institutions in which he served stronger,” and shared the story of President Bush’s meeting with a grieving mother of a soldier who had been killed during the U.S. operation to bring drug trafficker and Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega to justice in December of 1989. “The president let her say everything she wanted to say, and then he said, ‘Your son was a patriot, and I couldn’t do my job if it weren’t for people like your son. I want to know all about him. Tell me more about him.’”

Card said the soldier’s mother and rest of the family began to share stories, and that in time, everyone was both laughing and crying. “That’s the job of being president. I watched George H.W. Bush bring respect to the office of the presidency, and respect for the institutions of our government, every single day that he served — and boy, was it a joy to watch.”

Becker covered President Bush’s life after the presidency, during which time he raised hundreds of millions of dollars for worthwhile causes, partnered with his successor President Clinton on a series of disaster relief projects and shaved his head to show his support for a Secret Service agent’s son who was battling leukemia. “All of you here in Texas, all of you in this room, you know that he was a great man,” Becker said in summary. “What’s nice is that during the week of his funeral (last December), a whole bunch of other people found out. There’s a new generation of Americans that were introduced to George Herbert Walker Bush.”

Dr. Andrew Natsios, the director of the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at the Bush School of Government and Public Service whose own friendship with George Bush dates back to his first campaign for the presidency in the late 1970s, served as moderator of the 80-minute program — and contributed his own substantive reflections. In fact, Dr. Natsios is working on a book covering various aspects of President Bush’s leadership, which is scheduled to be published next year.
Bush Foundation guests were treated to a heartwarming, special evening on May 1st when acclaimed actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise came to the Annenberg Conference Center where he discussed his New York Times-bestseller, “Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service”, and the inspiring work of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Before the evening was over Sinise would earn two standing ovations from a most appreciative, capacity crowd.

This was Sinise’s third visit to the Bush Center — the first two being at the invitation of President and Mrs. Bush. The first occasion was in 2011 to debut the documentary about his Lieutenant Dan Band called “For the Common Good,” and the second time was to attend a Texas A&M football game with the Bushes — during which a technical difficulty gave Sinise an impromptu bonding experience with Mrs. Bush. “Imagine getting stuck in the elevator with Mrs. Bush,” Sinise recalled, to the delight of the audience. “She was not happy about the elevator, but it was pretty funny.”

Gary discussed how, as a kid in suburban Chicago, he was more interested in sports and rock-n-roll than reading or schoolwork. But when he impulsively auditioned for a school production of “West Side Story,” he found his purpose — or so it seemed. Within a few years Gary and a handful of friends created what became one of the most exciting and important new theater companies in America. From its home in a church basement in Highland Park, Illinois, the Steppenwolf Theatre launched a series of groundbreaking productions, igniting Gary’s career along with those of John Malkovich, Joan Allen, Gary Cole, Laurie Metcalf, Dennis Farina, John Mahoney, and others.

Television and film came calling soon after, and Gary starred in Of Mice and Men (which he directed) and The Stand before taking the role that would change his life in unforeseeable ways: Lieutenant Dan in the Academy Award-winning Forrest Gump.

Gary has worked tirelessly on behalf of those who serve this country, entertaining more than a half million troops around the world. The military community’s embrace of the character of the disabled veteran was matched only by the depth of Gary’s realization that America’s defenders had not received all the honor, respect, and gratitude their sacrifices deserve. In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, this became Gary’s mission. While starring in hits like Apollo 13, Ransom, Truman, George Wallace, CSI: NY, and Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders, Gary has worked tirelessly on behalf of those who serve this country, entertaining more than a half million troops around the world playing bass guitar with his Lieutenant Dan Band, raising funds on behalf of veterans, and eventually founding the Gary Sinise Foundation with a mission to serve and honor America’s defenders, veterans, first responders, their families, and those in need.

The Bush Foundation could not have been more honored, or grateful ourselves, to host such a humble, thoughtful and selfless individual.

For more information about Gary’s foundation and their incredible work, please go to: www.garysinisefoundation.org
On April 5th, Vice President Mike Pence and former Vice Presidents Dick Cheney and Dan Quayle discussed the modern vice presidency and shared memories of the 41st President during the 2019 ConocoPhillips White House Lecture at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Center. The historic, invitation-only event — titled “An Inside Look at the American Vice Presidency” — was the first major event to be hosted by the George and Barbara Bush Foundation since President Bush’s funeral in December 2018.

“President Bush was clear about his expectations for being second in command”
— Vice President Dan Quayle

During his keynote address, Vice President Pence lauded President Bush saying:

Truthfully, the legacy of George Herbert Walker Bush is a lifetime of service. Those of you who cherish his memory, and those of you who generously contribute to this great institution’s efforts to preserve it for future generations, know that story. But it’s remarkable to think he flew 58 combat missions in World War II, served as a congressman, an envoy to China, a CIA Director, and went on to serve as Vice President and President of the United States.

But … he also left America, during that season of his service, and the world, more peaceful, prosperous, and secure. And in every office he held, he showed a character and a humility that did his family proud and did our nation proud.

Former ABC News White House Correspondent Ann Compton moderated a discussion on the evolving vice presidency between former Vice Presidents Cheney and Quayle during which Quayle said President Bush was clear about his expectations for being second in command.

“He told me there are only two things about being Vice President,” Quayle said. “One: be prepared. Be in all of the meetings so you can be prepared if something does happen. Number two: loyalty. He made sure I was prepared and he expected loyalty. The relationship he had with Ronald Reagan was very similar to the relationship I had with him.”

Vice President Cheney, meanwhile, recalled how on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 he was picked up by a Secret Service agent and rushed to a fortified room below the White House. “I had no idea where we were going,” Cheney joked, “but I wasn’t gonna argue with him. He added: “The first thing I did was get on the phone and talk to the president in Florida,” Cheney said. “That started our process. We wanted to make sure the line of succession was safe.”

Compton also joined filmmaker Jeffrey Roth in giving a sneak preview of his upcoming documentary “President in Waiting,” which features interviews from Pence, Quayle, Cheney and all living former presidents and vice presidents, and examines the evolution of the modern vice presidency.


Prior to the event, Vice President Pence, Second Lady Karen Pence, Cheney and Quayle visited George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush’s grave site on the grounds of the Bush Library to pay their respects.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation**

4TH ANNUAL POWER OF LITERACY LUNCHEON

Featuring Oscar-Winning Actress
Julie Andrews and Daughter
Emma Walton Hamilton

Friday, October 25, 2019
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Post Oak Hotel At Uptown
Houston, Texas

More information at: www.bushhouston-literacy.org/powerofliteracy

**Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy**

30TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF READING

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Washington, D.C.

12:00 p.m. Authors’ Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Authors’ Reception
7:00 p.m. National Celebration of Reading
Seated dinner immediately following program

More information at: https://bit.ly/2QnHzoW

**Points of Light**

THE GEORGE H. W. BUSH AWARDS GALA

September 26, 2019
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
New York, New York

More information at: www.pointsoflight.org/bushawardsgala/

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