



# John F. Kennedy

35th President

Born: May 29, 1917

Birthplace: Brookline, MA

Died: Nov. 22, 1963

Burial Site: Arlington Nation Cemetery, VA

Spouse: Jacqueline Bouvier

Occupation: Naval officer, author

Political Party: Democratic

Term: 1961-1963

Vice President: Lyndon B. Johnson

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the youngest man ever to be elected president, and he was the youngest to die in that office after serving just a little more than 1,000 days.

Kennedy's education was obtained in London, England's School of Economics, at Harvard, and at Stanford University.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 at the start of World War II, and commanded a PT boat in the South Pacific. Kennedy was cited for bravery when his boat was rammed and sunk.

Kennedy came back from the war to go into politics and become a U.S. representative from the Boston area and later a senator from Massachusetts by defeating Henry Cabot Lodge.

In 1955, while recuperating from a back operation, he wrote **Profiles in Courage**, which won the Pulitzer Prize in history.

In 1956, Kennedy almost won the Democratic nomination for vice president. Four years later, he was a first-ballot nominee for president. He was elected after a highly publicized television debate with the Republican nominee, Richard M. Nixon.

During his first months in office, the first of two Cuban crises occurred. The President ordered a blockade of the island and demanded that Russia remove its missiles and reduce military forces there.

On November 22, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald stood in a window at the Texas Textbook Depository building and shot and killed President Kennedy.