

Ronald Reagan

40th President

Born: Feb. 6, 1911

Birthplace: Tampico, IL

Died: June 5, 2004

Burial Site: Ronald Reagan Presidential
Library, Simi Valley, CA

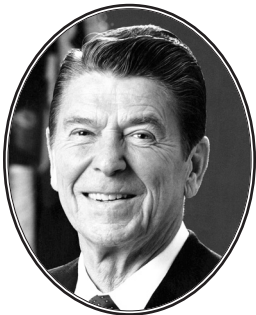
Spouse: Jane Wyman, Nancy Davis

Occupation: Actor

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1981-1989

Vice President: George Bush



President Ronald Reagan, who created the "Reagan Revolution," aimed to strengthen the American economy, build up U.S. military defense and reduce Americans' reliance on government.

On February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in Tampico, IL. He attended high school in Dixon and went on to Eureka College, where he studied economics and sociology. After graduating from Eureka, Reagan worked as a radio sports announcer until he landed a Hollywood acting contract in 1937.

Reagan took a strong stance against Communism in his position as president of the Screen Actors Guild. As a television host, he began touring the country and became a spokesman for American conservatism.

In 1966, he was elected governor of California and was re-elected in 1970. When Reagan decided to run for the Republican presidential nomination in 1980, he chose George Bush as his running mate. Reagan won the election in a landslide victory over Jimmy Carter.

During his two terms, Reagan pushed through a Democratic Congress his program for stimulating economic growth, cutting taxes, curbing government expenditures and increasing defense spending.

Reagan left office in 1988 as a popular president, but marred by the budget deficits and savings-and-loan industry scandal that occurred during his administration.