

George Bush

41st President

Born: June 12, 1924

Birthplace: Milton, MA

Died: November 30, 2018

Burial Site: George H.W. Bush
Presidential Library, Texas

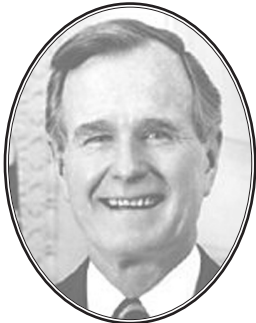
Spouse: Barbara Pierce

Occupation: Businessman

Political Party: Republican

Term: 1989-1993

Vice President: J. Danforth Quayle



George Bush's campaign slogans to build a "kinder and gentler nation" and to allow "no new taxes" ushered the vice president into the White House in 1988.

George Herbert Walker Bush was born in Minton, MA, on June 12, 1924. After graduating from Phillips Academy in Andover, Bush enlisted in the armed forces on his 18th birthday.

Bush became a seaman second class and eventually was the youngest Navy pilot to receive wings. During World War II he flew 58 combat missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery after being shot down at sea.

In 1945, Bush married Barbara Pierce and began what would become a family of six. It was also in 1945 that Bush entered Yale University where he studied economics.

After Bush lost a bid for the Republican nomination in 1980, he accepted Ronald Reagan's invitation to serve as vice president. He served for eight years.

In 1988, he was elected president. In 1990, he agreed to a tax increase, contradicting his famous "read my lips – no new taxes" creed. Bush oversaw allied military success in the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and presided over the downfall of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and negotiated deep arms cuts with Russian leader Boris Yeltsin.

After leaving office in 1993, Bush was active in humanitarian activities, often working alongside Clinton, his former opponent. After a long battle with vascular Parkinson's disease, Bush died at his home on November 30, 2018.