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Thread: [Former first lady Nancy Reagan dies at 94](#)

Walt Disney™ - March 6, 2016, 11:45 am

Quote:Nancy Reagan, the former actress who was fiercely protective of husband Ronald Reagan through a Hollywood career, eight years in the White House, an assassination attempt and her husband's Alzheimer's disease, died on Sunday at age 94.

The cause of death was congestive heart failure, said a spokeswoman for the Reagan presidential library. She died at her Los Angeles home.

"She is once again with the man she loved," her stepson Michael Reagan wrote on Twitter.

Reagan became one of the most influential first ladies in U.S. history during her Republican husband's presidency from 1981 to 1989.

Her husband, who affectionately called her "Mommy" while she called him "Ronnie," died in 2004 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's, the progressive brain disorder that destroys memory.

As news of Nancy Reagan's death spread, tributes poured in from Washington to Hollywood.

President Barack Obama, a Democrat, and first lady Michelle Obama said Nancy Reagan redefined the role of first lady.

"Nancy Reagan once wrote that nothing could prepare you for living in the White House," the Obamas wrote in a joint statement on Sunday. "She was right, of course. But we had a head start, because we were fortunate to benefit from her proud example, and her warm and generous advice."

Former first lady Barbara Bush said she and her husband, former President George H. W. Bush, who was vice president under Reagan, took comfort in knowing Nancy Reagan would be reunited with her husband, the late president.

The Hollywood glitterati weighed in on social media, many of them grieving the passing of an icon they remembered having grown up in the Reagan era.

"I sat near #Nancy Reagan once and felt like a teenager seeing one of my idols. She was a BOSS," wrote actress Elizabeth Banks of "The Hunger Games" fame.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, who like Ronald Reagan rode his Hollywood fame to the governor's office in California, said on Twitter that Nancy Reagan was "one of my heroes."

CANDIDATES CONVEY SYMPATHIES

Republican candidates for the 2016 presidential nomination, from businessman Donald Trump to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, also conveyed their sympathies. The ghost of Ronald Reagan, who remains deeply popular among Republican voters, has hovered over the campaign as in previous years, with party candidates vying to claim the mantle of Reagan's legacy.

A Republican debate in September took place at the Reagan presidential library in Simi Valley,

California, with an Air Force One jet providing a memorable backdrop.

Nancy Reagan will be buried next to her husband at that library. The public would have a chance to pay their respects prior to the funeral service, with details to come shortly.

Nancy Davis was a Hollywood actress during the 1940s and 1950s and married Reagan, a prominent film actor, in 1952. She then served as first lady of California during her husband's stint as California governor from 1967 to 1975 before moving into the White House after his decisive victory over incumbent Democratic President Jimmy Carter in 1980.

Her most publicized project as first lady was the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign. After her husband developed Alzheimer's disease, she became an advocate for discovering a cure.

She was diminutive and publicly soft-spoken, but Nancy Reagan's strong will, high-tone tastes and clout with her husband made her a controversial figure during his presidency.

Another Reagan dead. Sad to see her go, but she did live a long life.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-people-reagan-idUSKCN0W80S4>

Arrakis - March 6, 2016, 12:39 pm

I noticed this on the news this morning. Very saddening indeed.

neightworks - March 6, 2016, 12:41 pm

She seemed like a good woman who had to go through so much.

w?????illiam???? - March 6, 2016, 12:41 pm

Damn, rest in piece. Heard my parents talking about this earlier.

webdev77 - March 6, 2016, 12:46 pm

We need more women like Nancy Reagan. She is a great example of what you can accomplish if you put in the effort and have the drive.

Jeff_F - March 6, 2016, 12:56 pm

Shame.. now she's with Ron.. RIP.

Scar . - March 7, 2016, 6:52 am

Sad to see her depart. But she is peacefully resting free of pain and lived a long life.

OpDh54 - March 7, 2016, 7:37 am

Fuck her, she started the war on drugs

Incognito™ - March 7, 2016, 8:58 pm

Anything past 70 is a good life imo.

Cooligan - March 8, 2016, 12:45 am

Rest in peace to the wife of an absolute legend of the United States. <3

bakichu77 - March 9, 2016, 3:09 pm

Rest in Peace to her, but I think her legacy of starting the war on drugs will haunt her for a long time.

SIM-2285183 - March 9, 2016, 3:10 pm

I have no idea who she is, I'm sorry.

Moniesforever - *March 21, 2016, 3:30 pm*

sad really i shed many tears