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Vectura - November 4, 2025, 1:54 pm

?? Former US Vice President Dick Cheney Dies at 84 — A Legacy of Power, Patriotism, and Controversy

Source: [BBC News — "Former US President George W. Bush leads tributes to Dick Cheney"](#)

Former US Vice President Dick Cheney has died at the age of 84 due to complications from pneumonia and cardiac disease, according to a statement released by his family.

He was described as a "great and good man" who taught his family "to live lives of courage, honour, love, kindness, and fly fishing." ?

? Tributes from across the political spectrum: George W. Bush called his former vice president "a patriot who brought integrity, high intelligence, and seriousness of purpose" to every role he held.

Condoleezza Rice praised his mentorship and deep love for America.

Bill Clinton — despite being from the opposing party — said he always respected Cheney's "unwavering sense of duty."

Kamala Harris said his passing "marks the loss of a figure who gave so much of his life to the country he loved."

? A complex and controversial legacy:

Cheney served as Vice President under George W. Bush from 2001 to 2009, where he became one of the most powerful figures in modern US politics, often described as the "architect of the war on terror."

He was a key advocate for the 2003 invasion of Iraq, citing weapons of mass destruction that were never found.

While supporters viewed him as a decisive leader who prioritized US security after 9/11, critics saw him as the face of American overreach abroad.

Iraqi voices called his legacy one of "chaos and terrorism," while veterans of the Iraq War pointed to the enormous human cost of his policies.

? From public servant to power broker: Born in Lincoln, Nebraska (1941).

Rose quickly through Washington's ranks, Chief of Staff under President Gerald Ford at 34.

Served as Secretary of Defense during the 1990-91 Gulf War.

As Vice President, transformed the role into a de-facto deputy presidency, wielding unprecedented influence over defense and foreign policy.

Later years saw health struggles: multiple heart attacks, a heart pump in 2010, and a transplant in 2012.

? A Republican who broke with his own party:

In later life, Cheney became one of Donald Trump's most outspoken critics.

He condemned the events surrounding the 2020 election and even announced he would vote for Kamala Harris in 2024 an extraordinary stance for a lifelong Republican.

This made him a pariah among Trump loyalists but won him unexpected respect from some on the

political left.

? Remembering Dick Cheney:

Cheney's name will forever be tied to America's post-9/11 era, an era of both unity and division, of patriotism and pain.

Whether viewed as a defender of freedom or a symbol of overreach, there's no denying his profound impact on modern history.

"History will remember him as among the finest public servants of his generation." — George W. Bush

Full story: [BBC News — Dick Cheney \(1941–2025\)](#)

Respect - November 4, 2025, 2:07 pm

It's a good day.

babyke123 - November 4, 2025, 3:00 pm

Rest In Peace he spent his whole life being his first name. There is honor in that

Deany - November 4, 2025, 3:05 pm

RIP Dick . (That sounded offensive)

PremiumJoe - November 5, 2025, 10:43 am

It's not appropriate to cheer the demise of a human being, but from what I know, he had quite a few innocent lives on his conscience.

I therefore prefer to condole his victims instead.

Rest in peace, innocent victims. ??