

## 41's Lying In State Ceremony

President George Herbert Walker Bush became just the 12th president to [lie in state](#) in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda yesterday—a solemn honor that brought his family, members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and military leaders together like no other service could. At 94 years of age and with 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, he lived a full life of service: to others and to his country. As Speaker Ryan said in his [eulogy](#), President Bush was "a great leader and a good man...his memory will belong to glory."

1. The Bush family, Vice President and Second Lady Pence, and Speaker and Mrs. Ryan stand in respect as President Bush's casket enters the Capitol Rotunda.

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2. Speaker Ryan offers his condolences to President George W. Bush.

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3. America's military and political leaders bow their heads in prayer in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

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4. President Bush's flag-draped casket sits atop a wooden box known as a [catafalque](#)—the same one that President Lincoln laid upon during his state funeral.

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5. From high above in the Rotunda, a bird's eye view shows a steady stream of visitors who have traveled from all corners of the country to pay their last respects to President George Herbert Walker Bush. May God bless him.

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