

Sequence of Events



State Funeral for George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States

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Arrival ceremony - Ellington Field, Houston, Texas

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 4:30 p.m. CST./CDT.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. Family guests will be escorted to their position.
2. Once the aircraft lands and is in position, the loading device will be positioned and the ceremonial elements will take their positions. The clergy will be escorted from the aircraft to their positions.
3. On cue, the Bush family will exit the aircraft and move to their positions. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to attention and the body bearers will remove the casket from the loading device.
4. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms, and honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes, *Hail to the Chief* and a 21-gun salute). Following honors, the band will play the hymn, *Abide with Me*, composed by William H. Monk.
5. On the first note of the hymn, the casket will be carried between the ranks of the honor cordon and placed in the hearse. Members of the procession will proceed in the following order: national color, military and civilian clergy, casket and the presidential color.
6. After the casket has been placed in the hearse, the band will cease playing, the commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to order arms, and those traveling in the motorcade will move to their vehicles.
7. The motorcade will depart Ellington Field.

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Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general,
Joint Task Force-National Capital Region, Washington, D.C.

CEREMONIAL ELEMENTS:

Army	3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia
Marine Corps	U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.
Navy	U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.
Air Force	U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

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Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard,
Telecommunications Information Systems Center,
Alexandria, Virginia

Commander of troops: Army Maj. Eric J. Hanft,
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Body bearer officer-in-charge: Army 1st Lt. Steven M. Webster
3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard),
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

Salute battery: Artillery Instructor Battery,
Marine Corps Base Quantico, Quantico, Virginia

Battery commander: Marine Capt. Trevor Kuchman,
Marine Corps Base Quantico, Quantico, Virginia

Military chaplain: Navy Capt. Judy T. Malana, U.S. Navy Chaplain,
Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.

Family clergy: Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.,
St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas

MUSICAL ELEMENTS:

Band: 77th Army Band,
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Under the direction of: Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bridgette Brenmark
77th Army Band,
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Honors: Ruffles and Flourishes (four) and
Hail to the Chief

Hymn: *Abide With Me* composed by William H. Monk

Guests of the Bush family invited to attend include:

- Houston Christian High School
- George Bush High School
- Methodist Hospital
- M. D. Anderson Hospital
- The Consular Corps of Houston
- The players, management and staff of the Houston Rockets, Houston Texans and the Houston Astros along with their family and friends

For more information, visit jtf.usstatefuneral.mdw.army.mil and georgehwbush.com.