

# Sequence of Events

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

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## Funeral service and departure ceremony – St. Martin’s Episcopal Church

**WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. CST/CDT

### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The Bush family will gather inside St. Martin’s Episcopal Church and be escorted to their seats.
2. The remains will enter the sanctuary in procession and be positioned in front of the altar rail.
3. The funeral service will be conducted.
4. During the last hymn, the honorary pallbearers will escort the casket to the rear of the church.
5. The commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to attention.
6. Upon completion of the funeral service, the Bush family will depart the church privately.
7. The procession will depart the church in the following order: national color, cross and torches, military and civilian clergy, casket and the presidential color.
8. The procession will halt at the church entrance, the commander of troops will bring the ceremonial elements to present arms, and musical honors will be rendered (four Ruffles and Flourishes and “*Hail to the Chief*.”)
9. The casket is carried through the honor cordon to the hearse as the band plays the hymn *Praise Ye the Lord*. Once the casket is secured in the hearse, the band will cease playing.
10. The motorcade will depart for Union Pacific Railroad Westfield Auto Facility, Spring, Texas. President Bush will be transported to Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas by the funeral car.

### ESCORT FOR NEXT OF KIN:

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.

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**Navy** U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard,  
Naval District Washington, Washington, D.C.

**Air Force** U.S. Air Force Honor Guard,  
Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

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

**Cordon commander:** 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

**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

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS:** President Bush’s grandsons:  
The Honorable George Prescott Bush  
John Ellis “Jeb” Bush, Jr.  
Pierce Mallon Bush  
Charles “Walker” Bush  
Samuel Bush “Sam” LeBlond  
Robert Daniel Koch  
Robert Pace “Pace” Andrews II  
Thomas Alexander “Ale” Andrews

**MUSICAL ELEMENTS:**

**Inside:** See Program

**Outside:** U.S. Air Force Band of the West,  
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

**Under the direction of:** Air Force Lt. Col. Michael J. Willen

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

**Hymn:** *Praise Ye the Lord* composed by  
Edward Clark Barre

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