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Quote of the Week | Barbara Bush



Barbara Bush was the wife of the 41st president of the United States, George H. W. Bush, and the mother of the 43rd, George W. Bush. She was the second woman in American history to marry one president and give birth to another, the first being Abigail Adams. (Her husband, John Adams, was the 2nd president of the United State; her son, John Quincy Adams, was the 6th). The “[matriarch of a political dynasty](#)” passed away on April 17 at the age of 92. The former first lady dedicated her life to increasing literacy rates in the U.S., which was formally recognized by the Women’s National Book Association in 1990 with a [WNBA Award](#). “The American Dream is about equal opportunity for everyone

who works hard,” Mrs. Bush says on her website. “If we don’t give everyone the ability to simply read and write, then we aren’t giving everyone an equal chance to succeed.”



Companions in the Garden, a 1994 painting of the First Lady by artist Candace Lovely.

A proud mother of six and a staunch advocate for family values, Mrs. Bush founded the [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#) in 1989. She felt the path to a better life was through reading, and tirelessly worked to help men, women, and children achieve this ability. Chris Frangione is the interim CEO of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. In a [press release on April 17](#), he said Mrs. Bush “believed in the power of literacy to strengthen families and our nation, now and for generations to come. Her passion for big ideas will live on through the Foundation, continuing to inspire us as we work toward literacy for all.”



Barbara Bush reads to children in the White House Library in 1990.

So far, her foundation has raised more than \$110 million for literacy initiatives across the U.S.

The [profits](#) from her 1984 book, [C. Fred’s Story: A Dog’s Life](#), a “wry look at Washington life as seen by her dog,” was one project that helped support her cause.