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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### NANCY REAGAN

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Nancy Davis Reagan, wife of former California Governor Ronald Reagan, was born in New York City on July 6, 1923.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Davis, she spent her childhood in Chicago and was graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Mass. Her father was Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University for more than 30 years and is now Professor Emeritus. Mrs. Reagan's brother, Richard, is a neurosurgeon in Philadelphia, Penn.

Ronald and Nancy Reagan have a daughter Patricia, born in 1952, and a son, Ronald Prescott, born in 1958. Governor Reagan also has two children, Maureen and Michael, by a previous marriage.

Shortly after her husband became Governor, Mrs. Reagan began visiting wounded Vietnam veterans and making regular visits to hospitals and homes for older citizens, and schools for physically and emotionally handicapped children.

These visits allowed Mrs. Reagan to view the Foster Grandparent Program, a program which brings together children of special needs with senior

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citizens. The program became one of Mrs. Reagan's primary interests. Her interest and activities broadened the program to the extent that Foster Grandparents' programs have extended from California across the country.

In January 1977, she was named Honorary National Chairman of Aid to Adoption of Special Kids. This organization helps bring together children with physical, emotional and mental handicaps with potential adoptive parents.

Mrs. Reagan has also been active in projects concerned with POWs and servicemen Missing in Action in Vietnam. She and Governor Reagan honored more than 200 of the POW returnees and their wives at private dinner parties.

Mrs. Reagan was honored in January 1977 by the readers of Good House-keeping magazine as one of the 10 most admired women in the U.S. She was also honored as Los Angeles Times' Woman of the Year and Outstanding Woman in America in 1973 by St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. She has also received several citations from the Disabled American Veterans.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

RONALD REAGAN

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Ronald Wilson Reagan was born, February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, the son of Nellie and John Reagan. He was educated in Illinois public schools, and was graduated from Eureka College in 1932, with a degree in economics and sociology.

Following a brief career as a sports broadcaster and editor, Reagan moved to California to work in motion pictures. His film career, though interrupted by three years of service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, encompassed 50 feature-length motion pictures, as well as six terms as president of the Screen Actors Guild and two terms as president of the Motion Picture Industry Council.

From movies he went into television, to become the production supervisor for and host of "General Electric Theatre," followed by the television series "Death Valley Days" which he hosted until his entry into politics in 1965.

In 1952 he married the former Nancy Davis. They have two grown children, Patricia Ann, and Ronald Prescott. The Reagan's reside in Pacific Palisades, California. Governor Reagan has two other children, Maureen and Michael, by a previous marriage.

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1966 marked the formal beginning of Ronald Reagan's public service career with his election -- by nearly a million vote margin -- as Governor of the State of California. Re-elected in 1970, Reagan was also Chairman of the Republican Governor's Association in 1969.

He served as a member of the Presidential Commission investigating the CIA in 1974-75, and, after completing his second term, Reagan began a nationally syndicated radio commentary program and newspaper column, as well as undertaking an extensive speaking schedule to civic, business, and political groups.

On November 20, 1975, he announced his candidacy for the 1976 presidential nomination. He lost narrowly, but campaigned vigorously for the Republican ticket and for scores of local candidates in 1976.

After the election, he renewed his radio commentary program, newspaper column, and national speaking schedule, and became a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee on the Present Danger. He also founded the Republican-oriented political action organization, Citizens for the Republic. In the 1978 elections he campaigned on behalf of 86 candidates.

Reagan has received a number of awards, including: National Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; City of Hope "Torch of Life" Award for Humanitarian Service; Horatio Alger Award; American Newspaper Guild Award; Freedoms Foundation Awards; Distinguished American Award from the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame; American Patriots Hall of Fame; Medal of Valor of the State of Israel.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - RONALD REAGAN

Ronald Reagan was born Feb. 6, 1911 in Tampico, IL. to Nellie and John Reagan. He married the former Nancy Davis on March 4, 1952. They have two children, a daughter, Patricia Ann, and a son, Ronald Prescott Reagan. They reside in Pacific Palisades (Los Angeles) California.

Governor Reagan also has two other children, Maureen and Michael, by a previous marriage.

Ronald Reagan was educated in the public schools of Illinois. He was graduated from Eureka College, Eureka, IL. in 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology. In college, he was student body president, captain of the swimming team and a three-year letterman in football.

Honorary degrees include: Doctor of Humane Letters, Eureka College, 1957; Doctor of Laws, Pepperdine University, 1970, and Doctor of Laws, Azusa Pacific College, 1973.

Military service: He was a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Cavalry Reserve before World War II. He served four years in the Army Air Corps, 1942-46. He was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Governor Reagan began his career as a sports announcer and editor for Central Broadcasting Co., which included radio station WHO in Des Moines, IA.

He became a film actor in 1937 and, during his career, appeared in 50 feature-length films. He was a player and production supervisor of television's "General Electric Theater" for eight years. He hosted and acted in the "Death Valley Days" television series. For many years, he owned and operated a horse breeding and cattle ranch.

On Nov. 8, 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected California's 33rd Governor. He was reelected Nov. 3, 1970 for a second four-year term. He did not seek a third term.

After leaving office in early 1975, Governor Reagan began a daily radio commentary program, syndicated nationally, and a weekly newspaper column. He spoke widely to civic, business and political groups.

On Nov. 20, 1975, at the urging of thousands of his fellow citizens, he announced that he was a candidate for the 1976 Republican nomination for President. During the next 10 months, he traveled constantly, gaining the support of millions of voters. The race for the nomination was not decided until the Republican National Convention in Kansas City in mid-August where he lost narrowly. Despite the loss, he campaigned extensively in 25 states in September and October for Republican candidates at every level.

Since then, he has renewed his radio program and newspaper column and his heavy speaking schedule. He is also chairman of a Republican-oriented political action organization, Citizens for the Republic.

President, Screen Actors Guild, six terms.  
President, Motion Picture Industry Council, two terms.  
Board of Directors, Screen Actors Guild, 14 years.  
Represented motion picture industry (31 unions and all management groups) before House Ways and Means Committee of Congress on tax matters affecting industry.  
Member, Board of Directors, Committee on Fundamental Education.  
Member, Board of Directors, St. John's Hospital.  
Served on Board of Trustees, Eureka College.  
Board of Directors, Motion Picture Industry Council; ten years.  
Republican Governors' Association, Chairman, 1969.  
Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, 1970; appointed by President Nixon.  
National Governors' Conference Human Resources Committee, 1972.  
Member of Presidential commission investigating the CIA, 1974-75; appointed by President Ford.  
National Advisory Board, Young Americans for Freedom.  
Member, Board of Directors, Committee on the Present Danger, Washington, D.C., 1977- .

**MEMBERSHIPS include:**

Christian Church - attends Bel Air Presbyterian Church  
Screen Actors Guild  
American Federation, Radio and Television Artists  
Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
Friars Club  
California Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Young Men's Christian Association  
California Republican State Central Committee  
Rancheros Visitadores  
Bohemian Club

**AWARDS include:**

California Home for the Aged, Reseda, Award of Honor, 1953.  
National Safety Council Public Interest Award, 1954.  
Father of the Year (motion picture industry) by National Fathers Day Committee, 1957.  
Hollywood Citizenship Award, 1956, by Hollywood Foreign Press.  
Citation for Distinguished Service - 35th Army Division Association.  
Member, Navaho Clan.  
American Heritage Award (San Fernando Valley Business and Professional Association).  
National Humanitarian Award from National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1962.  
City of Hope "Torch of Life" Award for Humanitarian Service.  
Award from American Newspaper Guild.  
Helms Commemorative Medallion presented to distinguished sportsmen and athletic leaders.  
American National Red Cross Distinguished Service, San Diego County Chapter, 1959.  
Two Freedoms Foundation Awards, 1960 and 1962, for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life".  
UAW-AFL Honorary Gold Membership Card.  
Orange Empire Council Citizenship Award, 1964.  
American Legion - "untiring efforts and patriotic devotion in fostering and perpetuating American principles", May, 1965.

## (AWARDS continued)

American Patriots Hall of Fame.

Distinguished American Award, National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

National Sheriff's Association, Honorary Life Membership for "personal interest and action in behalf of the Association and the advancement of progressive law enforcement".

California Junior Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Membership.

AMVETS Special Achievement Award.

Great American of the Decade Award by the Virginia Young Americans for Freedom, 1960-70.

San Fernando Valley Business and Professional Association "Man of the Year" Free Enterprise Award, 1964.

Horatio Alger Award, 1969.

George Washington Honor Medal Award for public address from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 1971.

Gold Medal, National Football Foundation, New York, 1971.

Medal of Valor of the State of Israel, 1971.

George Washington Honor Medal Award for published article from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 1973.