

Press Release

*State Funeral for former President Jimmy Carter
39th President of the United States*



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Official state funeral schedule for former President Jimmy Carter

WASHINGTON – Funeral services honoring former President Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, begin Jan. 4, 2025 and conclude on Jan. 9, 2025.

The late president passed away Dec. 29, 2024 at the age of 100 in his hometown of Plains, Georgia.

His funeral schedule includes a pause at his Boyhood Farm; a motorcade to Atlanta; a pause at the Georgia State Capitol; a service at the Carter Presidential Center; public viewings in both Atlanta and Washington; a funeral procession in Washington; a service at the U.S. Capitol; a National Funeral Service at Washington National Cathedral; and a private service and interment in Plains, Georgia.

The Carter Family invites the public to honor and celebrate the life of former President Carter by paying their respects during either of the public viewings; the funeral procession in Washington; in the downtown area of Plains, Georgia; or along the motorcade routes in Georgia and Washington.

Full details are as follows (all times are in Eastern Standard Time). Exact times are subject to change.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 2025

The state funeral begins with the arrival of the Carter Family at Phoebe Sumter Medical Center in Americus, Georgia, at 10:15 a.m. Current and former Special Agents in Charge from the United States Secret Service – Carter Protective Division will carry Carter’s remains to the hearse and walk alongside the hearse as the motorcade departs from the medical center.

The motorcade then travels through Carter’s hometown of Plains, Georgia, to his boyhood home for a brief pause in front of his family’s farm at 10:50 a.m. During the pause, the National Park Service will render a salute to the late president and ring the historic farm bell 39 times.

After the pause, the late president officially begins his final journey to Atlanta at 10:55 a.m. As the motorcade arrives in Atlanta, it will stop at Georgia’s State Capitol for a moment of silence by Gov. Brian Kemp, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, Mayor of Atlanta Andre Dickens, members of the Georgia Legislature, and Georgia State Patrol Troopers at 3 p.m.

Carter’s remains are then transported to the Carter Presidential Center for an arrival ceremony at 3:45 p.m. and service at 4 p.m. Following the service, he will lie in repose for mourners to come and pay their respects from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025

The late president continues to lie in repose 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. The public is invited to pay their respects throughout this time.

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MONDAY, JAN. 6, 2025

The late president continues to lie in repose until 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. The public is invited to pay their respects throughout this time.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 2025

Carter departs the Carter Presidential Center one last time with ceremony at 9:30 a.m. The late president and his family then travel to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia, at 10 a.m., where they will board Special Air Mission 39 to travel to Washington at 10:40 a.m.

Special Air Mission 39 arrives at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, at 12:45 p.m. where Carter's remains are transferred with ceremony to the hearse. Carter and his family will then travel by motorcade at 1:15 p.m. to the U.S. Navy Memorial where his remains are transferred from the hearse to a horse drawn caisson for a funeral procession up to the U.S. Capitol at 2 p.m. Upon arrival at the U.S. Capitol, the late president is carried by military body bearers into the Rotunda where members of Congress will pay their respects during a service at 3 p.m.

Carter will then lie in state while the military maintains a guard of honor. The public is invited to pay their respects as he lies in state from 7 p.m. to midnight.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 2025

The late president continues to lie in state while the military maintains a guard of honor. The public is invited to pay their respects from 7 a.m. on Jan. 8., 2025 until 7 a.m. on Jan. 9, 2025.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 2025

Carter departs the U.S. Capitol with ceremony for his last time at 9 a.m. The motorcade then travels to Washington National Cathedral for a brief arrival ceremony at 9:30 a.m., followed by the National Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Upon conclusion of the service, Carter and his family will travel by motorcade at 11:15 a.m. to Joint Base Andrews, Md., where they board Special Air Mission 39 at 11:45 a.m. for his final journey home to Georgia.

Special Air Mission 39 arrives at Lawson Army Airfield on Fort Moore, Georgia, at 2 p.m., where Carter's remains are transferred with ceremony to the hearse. Carter and his family then travel by motorcade to Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains, Georgia, arriving at 3:30 p.m., followed by a private funeral service at 3:45 p.m.

After the funeral service, the late president, and his family travel by a motorcade at 4:45 p.m. to the Carter residence for a private interment at 5:20 p.m. The public is invited to line the motorcade route as Carter and his family travel through his beloved hometown of Plains, Georgia to the late president's final resting place. Prior to interment, the U.S. Navy will conduct a missing man formation flyover in honor of former President Carter's naval service and time as commander-in-chief shortly after the motorcade's arrival at the residence.

Notes:

- Mourners are asked to arrive early and plan accordingly for any portion of the state funeral open to the public. Lines for public repose and lying in state may be long. Security procedures will be in place, and it is recommended all personal items are left at home or in vehicles to help expedite screening.
- No public parking is available at the Carter Presidential Center. Additional details on the shuttle service being provided by MARTA will be released shortly.
- Additional information to include public access points, prohibited items, and motorcade routes (released a day prior to each ceremony) are available at <https://jtfncr.mdw.army.mil/statefunerals/>.
- Official presidential and family information is available at www.JimmyCarterTribute.org.
- Media interested in covering the state funeral should contact StateFuneralPress@army.mil or visit <https://jtfncr.mdw.army.mil/statefunerals/>.