

Senator Malcolm Wallop reacts to death of longtime friend, former President Ronald Reagan

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Senator Wallop and former President Reagan shared a special friendship forged in 1976 that continued throughout their political careers.

Twenty years ago, while marking the 40th anniversary of the allied landings on the beaches of Normandy, President Ronald Reagan evoked the hope that such an act might never again be necessary. "We will always be prepared, so we will always be free," he said.

According to Senator Wallop, this message of patriotism and strength is the hallmark of President Reagan's legacy.

"My friend Ronald Reagan was a blessing upon our nation," stated Senator Wallop. "As a figure, both private and public, Ronald Reagan was a man of consistent honor, integrity, faith and unabashed love of freedom for all nations and all peoples. He was witty, self-assured and had the political courage to implement those policies that he was sure were right for America and right for the world."

"Ronald Reagan was a man of many accomplishments who often seemed larger than life. He had big ideas and knew how to implement them — from winning the cold war to forging fiscal policies that laid the foundation of economic growth that have brought us unprecedented prosperity through the 1990s that continue today."

"President Reagan was a man of God, a devoted husband, and a President who made America believe in itself again. Under Ronald Reagan, America was once again the shining city on a hill. It is upholding that patriotism and pride in our wonderful nation that today we can best honor this remarkable man."

"In his second inaugural speech on January 20, 1985, President Reagan spoke to America and said he 'appealed to your best hopes.' Our hopes as a nation remain mired in the preparedness, strength and faith represented by our friend, President Ronald Reagan," concluded Wallop.

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