

On his birthday, here's a look at Reagan by the numbers



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Ronald Wilson Reagan, who was born Feb. 6, 1911 in Tampico, grew up in Dixon, and died June 5, 2004, in Bel Air in California at the age of 93, was the 40th president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. Prior to his presidency, he was a Hollywood actor and union leader before serving as the 33rd governor of California from 1967 to 1975.

Today marks Reagan's 110th birthday, and I prepared the following birthday curiosities in his honor:

1. If numbers 1 through 26 are assigned to letters A through Z, the letter numbers of Ronald Reagan add up to 110.
2. Further, the 110th prime number is 601, and interestingly, twice 601 equals 1202, the reverse of 2021, the year number of Reagan's 110th birthday.
3. Reagan's birthday coincides with the 37th day of each year, and 37 plus its reverse, 73, yields 110.
4. The 37th prime number is 157, and coincidentally, Reagan died on the 157th day of 2004 (June 5, 2004).
5. The product of the left and right halves of Reagan's birth year, 1911, equals $19 \times 11 = 209$, and 209 is the number of days left in 2004 after Reagan's death.
6. The sum of the letter numbers of Ronald Wilson Reagan equals 202,



In this official White House photo, President Ronald Reagan, a Dixon native, is shown reading the Dixon Evening Telegraph's Feb. 28, 1981, edition in the Oval Office. Today marks Reagan's 110th birthday.

- and twice the sum of the prime factors of 202 yields $2 \times (2+101) = 206$... Reagan's birth date (2/06).
7. Lastly, Reagan's 111th birthday to occur next year will be special, too, for at least two reasons: 111 divided by the sum of its digits, namely 3, equals 37, and the 37th day of each year is Reagan's birthday. Additionally, the prime factors of 111 add up to $3+37=40$, the number of Reagan's presidency.

Happy 110th birthday to President Ronald Reagan!

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM 'BILL' A. SCHRYVER

Born: September 16, 1925
Died: February 3, 2021



POLO - William "Bill" A. Schryver, 95, of Milledgeville, died Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at Polo Rehabilitation. Bill was born September 16, 1925, in Milledgeville, the son of Walter and Ethel



(Walters) Schryver. He served in the United States Army during WWII, The 101st Airborne Division, and then Army Engineering Construction Division in the Korean War. Bill served on the Milledgeville Fire Department for many years, and was a member of Dutchtown Brethren Church. He married Frances Kahler on November 28, 1965 in Rock Falls; she preceded him in death on July 9, 2016.

Survivors include two daughters, Roxanne (Bruce) Francis of Milledgeville and Kathie Reese of Lanark; three sons, Greg (Vicki) Miller of Milledgeville, Kim (Patty) Miller of Milledgeville and Kevin (Debra) Miller of Lanark; three sisters, Deloris (Dean) Hammelman of Arizona, Deanna DeGeorge of San Diego, CA and Lois (Larry) Hughes of Clinton; four brothers, Russell (JoAnne) Schryver of Milledgeville, Lyle (Jan) Schryver of Freeport, Marion Schryver of Freeport and Herbert Schryver of Polo; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren, and two on the way.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; one sister, Elma Mae Schryver; and three brothers, Richard, Robert and John Schryver.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private graveside service at Chadwick Cemetery will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established. Memorials may be sent to Schilling Funeral Home, PO Box 592, Sterling, IL 61081 and will be forwarded to the family.

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