of Ted Kennedy

-- Nov. 7, 1979: Officially announced 1980 presiden-

-- Aug. 12 1980: Withdraws from presidential race in emotional speech at Democratic National Con-

-- Dec. 1982: Announces he will not run for president in 1984 and divorced from

-- Dec. 19, 1985: An-

nounces he will not run for

the 1988 Democratic presi-

-- July 3, 1992: Marries Victoria Reggie, a Wash-

-- Nov. 1994: Son Patrick Kennedy wins elections as congressman from Rhode

-- July 16, 1999: John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife,

Carolyn Bessette Kennedy,

and her sister in law Lauren

Bessette, die in plane crash

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Ted Kennedy arrives on stage ahead of the inauguration of President Barack Obama at the Capitol in Washington on Jan. 20. Later the same day, the Massachusetts senator was attending the inaugural luncheon when he suffered what observers said appeared to be a seizure. Kennedy was taken away by an ambulance.

-- Jan. 2002: No Child Left Behind becomes law.

-- April 5, 2004: Says Iraq has become "George Bush's Vietnam" and compares him to former President Richard Nixon.



President Obama presents the first pen to Sen. Kennedy after signing the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act on April 21 in Washington, D.C. The signing was one of Kennedy's final public appearances.

-- Nov. 7, 2006: Wins an eighth U.S. Senate term.

-- Oct. 12, 2007: Has surgery to clear a partially blocked artery in his neck.

-- 2008: Jan. 28 makes speech endorsing Obama; Suffers seizure on May 17. Diagnosed with brain cancer on May 20; delivers Democratic convention speech on Aug. 25.

-- Jan. 20, 2009: Attends Obama's inauguration as president but collapses at luncheon.



Senator Kennedy waves to well wishers on May 21, 2008, departing the Massachusetts hospital where he was diagnosed with brain cancer.



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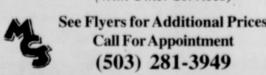
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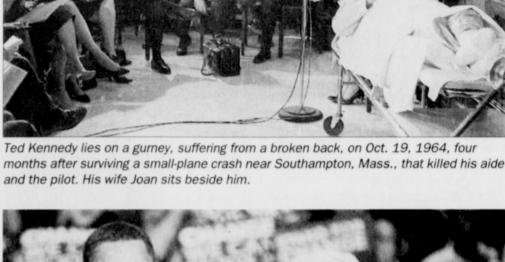
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Sen. Ted Kennedy announces his endorsement of Sen. Barack Obama for president of the United States on Jan. 28, 2008.



After undergoing treatment for brain cancer, Sen. Ted Kennedy electrifies a Democratic National Convention on Aug. 25, 2008, with a surprise speaking engagement that rallied support for Barack Obama.

-- Feb. 10, 2009: Last vote cast (stimulus)

-- March 8, 2009: Honored at star-studded musical birthday tribute at Washington's Kennedy Center.

-- Aug. 11, 2009: Sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver, 88, dies.

-- Aug. 25, 2009: Kennedy dies at age 77, surrounded by family members at his home in Hyannis Port. President Obama describes him as "the greatest United States senator of our time."





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