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Southwest engine explosion began when fan blade broke: NTSB

(Reuters) - Federal air safety officials investigating why the engine of a Southwest Airlines jet blew apart, killing a passenger after shattering a plane window, said on Wednesday that the incident began when a fan blade already suffering metal fatigue snapped off in mid-flight. National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt told a news conference that he could not yet say if the incident, the first deadly airline accident in the United States since 2009, pointed to a fleet-wide issue in the Boeing 737-700. “We want to very carefully understand what was the result of this problem, and as I mentioned a few minutes ago, I’m very concerned about this particular event,” Sumwalt said at the news conference at the Philadelphia airport. “To be able to extrapolate that to the entire fleet, I’m not willing to do that right now.” The CFM56 engine exploded over Pennsylvania about 20 minutes after Dallas-bound Southwest Flight 1380 left New York’s LaGuardia Airport with 149 people on board, sending pieces of shrapnel into the plane. Bank executive Jennifer Riordan, 43, was killed when she was partially pulled through a shattered window next to her seat in row 14 as the cabin suffered rapid decompression. Fellow passengers were

able to pull her back inside but she died of her injuries later on Tuesday. Southwest crews were inspecting similar engines the airline had in service, focusing on the 400 to 600 oldest of the CFM56 engines, made by a partnership of France’s Safran and General Electric, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. It was the second time that style of engine had failed on a Southwest jet in the past two years, prompting airlines around the world to step up inspections. A National Transportation Safety Board inspection crew was also combing over the Boeing 737-700 for signs of what caused the engine to explode. Sumwalt said the fan blade, after suffering metal fatigue where it attached to the engine hub, suffered a second fracture about halfway along its length. Pieces of the plane were found in rural Pennsylvania by investigators who tracked them on radar. The metal fatigue would not have been observable by looking at the engine from the outside, Sumwalt said. According to Sumwalt, the jet was traveling at 190 miles per hour when it made an emergency landing at Philadelphia International Airport, much faster than the typical 155-mile-per-hour touchdown. Passengers described scenes of panic as a piece of shrapnel from the engine shattered a window on the aircraft, almost sucking Riordan out.



NTSB investigators on scene examining damage to the engine of the Southwest Airlines plane in Philadelphia



NTSB photo shows parts of the engine cowling from the Southwest Airlines plane which blew its engine in mid air yesterday over the skies of Philadelphia

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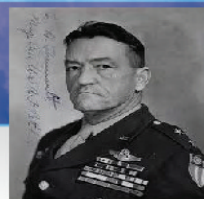
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‘How is 41?’ Update on George H.W. since wife’s passing

By Craig Hlavaty and Jay R.

The love bonding former first lady Barbara and former President George H.W. Bush was evident even in the former’s last moments.

The ailing former first lady, who died at her Houston home Tuesday, did so with her beau by her side. A heartbroken, yet “stoic,” George H.W. Bush held his wife’s hand throughout her last day, a family spokesperson said, living out his commitment made more than 73 years ago to love and care for her until death did they part.

Barbara Pierce Bush, the fiercely loyal, yet independently strong wife of one U.S. president and mother of another, died Tuesday surrounded by her family at her west Houston home. She was 92.

But George H.W. Bush is still determined to be the rock of the Bush family, his Chief of Staff Jean Becker said.

“It will not surprise all of you who know and love him that he also is being stoic and strong, and is being lifted up by his large and supportive family,” Becker said. “He is determined to be for them as well.”

The couple held the title for the longest presidential marriage in American history, beating out John and Abigail Adams’ 54-year union in 2000.

The elder Bush couple married on Jan. 6, 1945, as World War II raged in the European and Pacific theaters. They tied the knot in Rye, New York, as Bush was recuperating from fighting in the Pacific. He was 20 and Barbara was 19.

They met when Bush was just 16 years old at a Christmas dance at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

“I married the first man I ever kissed,” Barbara once told reporters. “When I tell my children that they just about throw up.”

They would later have six children, including future President George W. Bush, former Florida governor and GOP presidential candidate Jeb Bush and Neil Bush.

The former first lady was also the fourth cousin four times removed of Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States.

George H.W. and Barbara Bush tied the knot as World War II raged in the European and Pacific theaters.

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In the past the couple had been caught on the “Kiss Cam” at a Texans game at NRG Stadium. They smooched to the delight of thousands, proving that even seven decades later they would still have fun with each other. They were even at the fifth game of the 2018 Astros World Series at Minute Maid Park, one of the biggest moments in Houston sports history.

The former first lady would have turned 93 on June 8 and the former president turns 94 years old just days later. “We’re still trying to build the brand,” said Russel Roegels of the three-year-old Roegels Barbecue Co. “We just need to keep our name out there.” But the best part of the fest, Roegels said, is connecting with the barbecue community.

“My favorite part is the camaraderie with the other pitmasters,” he said.

Jim Buchanan of Buck’s Barbecue, which is still trying to grow its business in anticipation of a brick and mortar location, said the festival offers invaluable exposure. And, he added, a chance to turn barbecue lovers onto what he does best: “I have a passion for barbecue,” he said. “I like to see the look on people’s faces when they enjoy what I do.”



Newly-elected U.S. Rep. George Bush flashes a winner’s smile as his wife, Barbara, gives him a victory kiss following his 1966 election to a seat in from the 7th district in Texas



George Herbert Walker Bush poses with his wife, Barbara, during his campaign for Congress in the 1960s.

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Editor's Choice Pictures



A woman walks at Saudi Arabia's first commercial movie theater in Riyadh



A NTSB investigator on scene examining damage to the engine of the Southwest Airlines plane in Philadelphia



Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority speaks during a media preview of Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi theme park in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates April 18, 2018. REUTERS/Christopher Pike TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



An Israeli girl plays with an inflatable hammer during celebrations marking Israel's 70th Independence Day in the southern city of Ashkelon



Former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush listens to her son, President George W. Bush, as he speaks at an event on social security reform in Orlando



U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania dine with Japan's PM Abe and wife in Palm Beach



Markle attends a reception with delegates from the Commonwealth Youth Forum in London



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un greets Song Tao, head of the Chinese Communist Party's international liaison department, in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang



German weekly cabinet meeting in Berlin



“A former first lady of the United States of America and relentless proponent of family literacy, Barbara Pierce Bush passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the age of 92,” reads a statement from the office of former President George H.W. Bush.

Mrs. Bush served as the country’s first lady from 1989 to 1993. She passed away shortly after deciding to forgo further medical treatments for her failing health.

Mr. Bush is “broken-hearted to lose his beloved Barbara, his wife of 73 years,” according to Jean Becker, chief of staff at the former president’s office. “He held her hand all day today and was at her side when she left this good earth.”

While it’s a “challenging time ... it will not surprise all of you who know and love him that he also is being stoic and strong, and is being lifted up by his large and supportive family,” Becker said.

Mrs. Bush’s funeral will be held at St. Martin’s Church in Houston, where she and the former president have been devoted members for decades.

Having been hospitalized numerous times while battling congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, she decided Sunday that she wanted to be “surrounded by a family she adores,” according to an earlier statement released by Mr. Bush’s office.

“It will not surprise those who know her that Barbara Bush has been a rock in the face of her failing health, worrying not for herself -- thanks to her abiding faith -- but for others,” the statement continued. “She is surrounded by a family she adores and appreciates the many kind messages and especially the prayers she is receiving.”

Barbara Bush’s passion for literacy was a hallmark of her life and legacy.

In January 2017, Mrs. Bush and her husband were hospitalized at the same time. She was being treated for bronchitis and the nation’s 41st president was being treated for pneumonia.

Mrs. Bush is one of only two first ladies in the history of the country who is also the mother of a president. Abigail Adams, the wife of John Adams, a founding father of the nation and its second president, was the mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth U.S. president.

Mrs. Bush is the mother of George W. Bush, the 43rd president of the United States, and Jeb Bush, the former governor of Florida who ran for president of the United States

Mother And Wife of Two Presidents

Former First Lady Barbara Bush Dies At 92

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in 2016.

During her tenure as the nation’s first lady, Mrs. Bush, the mother of six children, was a champion for global literacy and continued the work after she and her husband left the White House.

In 1989, she formed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which encourages parents to read to their children.

“Literacy fits in with so many other things,” she once told The Chicago Tribune. “If more people could read, fewer people would have AIDS. There would be less homelessness. I’m absolutely convinced of that.”



President George Bush and First Lady Barbara attend the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas. Bush, the GOP nominee for president, lost his second bid for office to democrat Bill Clinton.

Descendant of a president

Barbara Pierce Bush was born in New York City, New York, on June 8, 1925, to Marvin and Pauline Pierce. Her father, a magazine publishing executive, was a descendant of Franklin Pierce, a Democrat and the nation’s 14th U.S. president who served from 1853 to 1857. Her mother was the daughter of an Ohio Supreme Court justice and was active in civic causes.

The third of four children, Bush later recalled a childhood where her parents would gather and read around the fireplace, fostering her early love of reading.

She graduated high school from the all-girls private Ashley Hall boarding school in Charleston, South Carolina, in the early 1940s and enrolled in Smith College, a women’s college in Northampton, Massachusetts.

At Smith, which was racially integrated, Mrs. Bush became captain of the freshman soccer team, but she dropped out of college in 1945 at the beginning of her sophomore year. She later admitted that she was more interested in her future husband than in her studies.

She had met George Herbert Walker Bush at age 16, while at a Christmastime dance at the Round Hill Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. The pair were immediately attracted to each other and began exchanging letters, even as Mr. Bush completed his training to become the then-youngest pilot in the Navy. He named his bomber plane “Barbara” in her honor.

The pair were engaged shortly before Mr. Bush left to fly in World War II, and they wed Jan. 6, 1945, while he was on leave.

The Bush Family Through The Years



Mr. and Mrs. Bush celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on Jan. 6.

In an alumni magazine from Smith College, Mrs. Bush said the marriage has endured because of the couple’s love for each other.

“I am still old and still in love with the man I married 72 years ago,” she said in the interview published in “Smith Alumnae Quarterly” earlier this month.

“George Bush has given me the world,” she also said in the magazine. “He is the best -- thoughtful and loving.”

Family joys and sorrows

Mrs. Bush gave birth to their first child, future President George Walker Bush, on July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut. As the family moved about in Texas and California, the couple had five more children, who would eventually deliver the Bushes more than a dozen grandkids.

Mrs. Bush took great joy in her family and told Barbara Walters in 1994, “If you opt to have children, I feel very strongly that they should be your top priority.”

The family was dealt a blow in October 1953, when daughter Pauline Robinson “Robin” Bush died of leukemia at age 3.

“Because of Robin, George and I love every living human more,” said Mrs. Bush, who became increasingly active in cancer research -- notably, the Leukemia Society of America -- following her daughter’s death.



After a failed senatorial bid, Mr. Bush was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966. He quit his job as an oil executive in Houston to relocate the family to Washington, D.C.

In the 1970s, Mrs. Bush followed her husband from Washington, D.C., to New York City, to Beijing as Mr. Bush filled a succession of appointed political posts: ambassador to the United Nations, chairman of the Republican National Committee, head of the U.S. liaison office in Beijing and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mrs. Bush at that time volunteered at the Washington Home, a hospice where she bathed and fed the dying.

Popular first lady

Mr. Bush landed firmly in the public eye as he served as Ronald Reagan’s vice president from 1980 to 1988, and he was elected as Reagan’s successor and 41st president of the United States in 1988.

Mrs. Bush generated headlines herself in the 1984 Reagan-Bush re-election campaign by calling vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro -- the first female vice presidential candidate from a major party -- something that “rhymed with rich.” She later phoned Ferraro and issued a public apology.

As first lady, Mrs. Bush pursued a passion to fight literacy and in 1989 formed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which supported existing literacy programs to boost participant retention.



Mrs. Bush believed that tackling illiteracy would also solve social issues that went unaddressed, such as AIDS, homelessness and teenage pregnancy. Her crusade against illiteracy and learning disabilities stemmed from her tireless efforts with her son Neil’s dyslexia.

“George Bush and I know the frustration of living with an undiagnosed or untreated learning problem, and we know the great joy and relief that comes when help is finally found,” she wrote in a 1989 edition of “Their World,” a publication of the National Center for Learning Disabilities. “I foresee the day when no American -- neither child nor adult -- will ever need to be limited on learning.”

Always standing proudly beside the president, Mrs. Bush maintained high popularity -- partly, she once said, “‘Cause I’m fat and old and nobody feels threatened by me.”

In 1990, Mrs. Bush penned “Millie’s Book”, a best-seller attributed to the family’s springer spaniel, Millie. It was her second book: in 1983, she published “C. Fred’s Story”, about

the family’s pampered cocker spaniel. The books reportedly generated more than substantial funds to Bush’s literacy foundation.

In 1992, Democratic Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas defeated Bush in his re-election to a second presidential term.

The couple retreated to their estates in Houston and the family estate in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Health issues

Mrs. Bush has had a long history of health problems, dating back to her time as the first lady. In 1989, she revealed that she suffered from Graves’ disease, an autoimmune disorder that affects the thyroid. She later began taking medications for the disease and received radiation as part of her treatment.

After experiencing abdominal pains in 2008, Mrs. Bush was hospitalized at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She underwent laparoscopic surgery to close a hole in her small intestine caused by an ulcer.

That same year, she underwent precautionary open heart surgery at the same hospital to replace her aortic valve. Hospital officials reported that the procedure was a success.

During her four years as the first lady, and eight years before that as the wife of the vice president in the Reagan administration, Mrs. Bush embodied what many believed to be the traditionally dutiful political wife: silent on most issues, but enthusiastically supportive of her husband and family.

In her 1994 book -- “Barbara Bush: A Memoir” -- she revealed her pro-choice stance on abortion, a position that ran contrary to her husband’s.



She also reproduced an open letter to her children containing life’s credo.

“Value your friends,” she wrote. “They are your most valuable asset.

“Love your children,” she added. “You are the best children any two people ever had. I know you will be as lucky. Your kids are great. Dad and I love them more than life itself.” (Courtesy <http://abcnews.go.com/US/>)

Funeral Arrangements

Funeral services for Barbara Bush are planned for 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston, which she and former President George H.W. Bush regularly attended.

According to a post on the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation website, Barbara Bush will lie in repose from noon to midnight Friday at the church for members of the public wishing to pay respects.

The funeral service Saturday is by invitation only.

Burial will be on the grounds of the Bush library at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Houston. The couple’s 3-year-old daughter, Robin, who died in 1953 of leukemia, also is buried at the site.

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Appearing before a Senate committee last Tuesday, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that administrators of large pages and those who wish to buy political ads will be required to provide verification of identity and location, as part of an effort to prevent foreign influence in future elections. Those who refuse to provide the information will have their pages prevented from posting to the News Feed or their ads blocked, TechCrunch reported.

To fight fake news and election interference, Facebook will require the admins of popular Facebook Pages and advertisers buying political or “issue” ads on “debated topics of national legislative importance” like education or abortion to verify their identity and location. Those that refuse, are found to be fraudulent or are trying to influence foreign elections will have their Pages prevented from posting to the News Feed or their ads blocked.

Meanwhile, Facebook plans to use this information to append a “Political Ad” label and “Paid for by” information to all election, politics and issue ads. Users can report any ads they think are missing the label, and Facebook will show if a Page has changed its name to thwart deception. Facebook started the verification process this week; users in the U.S. will start seeing the labels and buyer info later this spring, and Facebook will expand the effort to ads around the world in the coming months.

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This verification and name change disclosure process could prevent hugely popular Facebook Pages from being built up around benign content, then sold to cheats or trolls who switch to sharing scams or misinformation.

“Today, we’re also announcing that people who manage Pages with large numbers of followers will need to be verified. Those who manage large Pages that do not clear the process will no longer be able to post. This will make it much harder for people to administer a Page using a fake account, which is strictly against our policies. We will also show you additional context about Pages to effectively assess their content. For example, you can see whether a Page has changed its name,” Zuckerberg added. This leads to the question, “... how much personal information will Facebook require?” And what will the company do with that information? Will it be made public to everyone on the platform? And

Facebook To Demand Admins Of Large Pages Verify Identity, Location

More Censorship On The Way?

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will Facebook be held liable for any damages resulting from the disclosure of that information? The potential for abuse and even more censorship is staggering. (Courtesy <https://conservativefiringline.com>)

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Controversial Facebook AI Tool Could Soon Be Making A Return To Europe And Canada

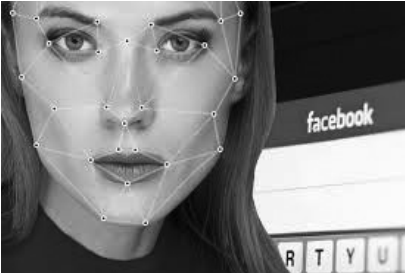
Facebook plans to bring back facial recognition in Europe and Canada despite promising regulators it would drop the technology over privacy concerns. Facial recognition, launched in 2010, suggests names for people it identifies in photos uploaded by users. The program was suspended for users in Europe in 2012 over privacy concerns, but still lives on in the US and other regions worldwide.

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2. They will also be asked to choose what to share about their personal data
3. This will include political, religious and relationship information on their profiles
4. Users will be allowed to opt in or out of use of its facial recognition technology

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regulations as a chance to collect more information if users opt in.



The move to reintroduce the image scanning software is likely to ruffle feathers, coming in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica data handling debacle. Private information taken from 87 million users was supplied to the consultancy firm, which was working for Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign. Facebook claims its facial recognition technology helps people manage their identity online. It can also help the visually impaired know who is shown in a photo. But it also provide Facebook with a huge amount of data on an individual, such as who they are friends with and where their location. Facebook will begin to ask users if they want to opt in or out of the facial recognition feature under the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) this week, ahead of it coming into force on May 25. Under the new policy, Facebook users will also be asked to review and make choices about ads they receive, including whether they want Facebook to use data from third

parties. They will also be asked to review and choose what to share about the political, religious, and relationship information on their profiles. These are designed to ensure the Menlo Park, California, firm complies with the forthcoming EU rules, with European residents seeing the measures first.



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaking at a company meeting.

Facebook also announced today (last Wednesday) that it will begin rolling out changes this week to how it handles private data (notification pictured). This is designed to ensure the firm complies with the forthcoming EU rules, with European residents the first to see the new measures. ‘Everyone - no matter where they live - will be asked to review important information about how Facebook uses data and make choices about their privacy on Facebook,’ chief privacy officer Erin Egan and deputy general counsel Ashlie Beringer said in a written statement. The statement also said users will be told that facial recognition is optional, but that it could offer some benefit, such as being notified when someone is using an unauthorised picture. ‘We not only want to comply with the law, but also go beyond our obligations to build new and improved privacy experiences for everyone on Facebook,’ Ms Egan and Ms Beringer wrote. Founder Mark Zuckerberg told congressional panels Facebook intends to offer the same privacy protections embodied in the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation for its worldwide users. **WHAT IS THE EU’S GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION?** The European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new data protection law that will go into effect on May 25, 2018.



It aims to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the Eu-

ropean Union (EU). This means cracking down on how companies like Google and Facebook use and sell the data they collect on their users. The law will mark the biggest overhaul of personal data privacy rules since the birth of the internet. Under GDPR, companies will be required to report data breaches within 72 hours, as well as to allow customers to export their data and delete it. The European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new data protection law that will enter into force on May 25. It aims to crack down on how companies like Google and Facebook use and sell the data they collect on their users. Part of the expanded rights of data subjects outlined by the GDPR is the right for data subjects to obtain from the data controller confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning them is being processed, where and for what purpose. Further, the controller must provide a copy of the personal data, free of charge, in an electronic format. This change is a dramatic shift to data transparency and empowerment of data subjects. Under the right to be forgotten, also known as Data Erasure, are entitled to have the data controller erase their personal data, cease further dissemination of the data, and potentially have third parties halt processing of the data. The conditions for erasure include the data no longer being relevant to original purposes for processing, or a data subject withdrawing their consent. This right requires controllers to compare the subjects’ rights to ‘the public interest in the availability of the data’ when considering such requests. This means cracking down on how companies use and sell the data they collect on their users. The law will mark the biggest overhaul of personal data privacy rules since the birth of the internet.



Under GDPR, companies will be required to report data breaches within 72 hours, as well as to allow customers to export their data and delete it. The laws will be welcome news to anyone affected by the Cambridge Analytica scandal. (Courtesy <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sci-encetech>)

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