President George Bush and his mother, Dorothy Walker Bush, shown together in Greenwich, Conn., in a 1988 photo.

Dorothy Bush Dies At Age 91

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Dorothy Bush, the senator's widow who lived to see her son George elected to the White House, died Thursday (Nov. 19, 1992). She was 91.

Mrs. Bush, who had suffered a stroke, died shortly after 5 p.m. at the family home in Greenwich, said spokesman Martin Fitzwater in Washington. President George Bush had flown there Thursday morning to be with his mother but was back in the capital when she died.

Mrs. Bush spent much of her childhood in St. Louis as Dorothy Walker. She is the mother of William H.T. “Bucky” Bush of Ladue and three other children.

In 1988, after George Bush was elected president, his mother said: “I've been ready to have him be president, since he chose to work for it, but I pray to God for him because it's the toughest job in the world.”

Bush said his mother and his father, Sen. Prescott Bush,

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had been the most important people in his life. His autobiography, "Looking Forward," is dedicated to them.

"They believed in an old-fashioned way of bringing up the family — generous measures of both love and discipline," he wrote.

"Dad taught us about duty and service," Bush wrote. "Mother taught us about dealing with life on a personal basis, relating to other people."