

America Remembers John McCain's Life and Legacy

Sen. John McCain has made one last trip to the city where he made such an impact, Washington, D.C. The American hero was greeted by a military honor guard when he touched down at Andrews Air Force Base.

On Friday, he'll lie in state in the US Capitol Rotunda before a final funeral service on Saturday.

The senator's death and reflections on his life have captured the nation. In Arizona, thousands lined the streets, some holding campaign signs, to pay last respects to the Arizona senator of more than 30 years.

"He was America's hero," said Grant Woods, McCain's former chief of staff, during a memorial service for him Thursday at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Woods explained how McCain's Christian faith sustained him during the years he spent as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton.

"He said, 'On Christmas Eve we celebrated and we got together under this bare light bulb, and we sang Christmas carols and we quoted Bible verses that we could remember and we told the gospel story to each other,'" Woods recalled McCain telling a group of community leaders early in his Senate career.

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald shared memories of his unlikely friendship with McCain. "He ran for president; I run out of bounds," he said, drawing chuckles from the people sitting in the pews. {eo}

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