

US Supreme Court Justice Scalia Dies

Conservative U.S. **Supreme Court** Justice **Antonin Scalia**, 79, has died, Texas Governor **Greg Abbott** said.

In a statement, Abbott extended his “deepest condolences” to Scalia’s family. The *San Antonio News-Express* said Scalia had apparently died of natural causes while visiting a luxury resort in West Texas.

Scalia, appointed to the top U.S. court in 1986 by **President Ronald Reagan**, was known for his strident **conservative** views and theatrical flair in the courtroom. His death comes as the court is set to hear its first major **abortion** case in nearly 10 years, and ahead of key cases on **voting rights**, **affirmative action** and **immigration**.

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