

# RICHARD M. NIXON

## 1969 - 1974



**Richard Milhous Nixon** was born in Yorba Linda, California in 1913. He and his five brothers were raised as Quakers. Nixon graduated from Whittier College in 1934 and from Duke University Law School in 1937, third in his class. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served in the Pacific in World War II. In 1946 he was elected to congress, and to the Senate in 1950.

**Thelma Ryan Nixon** was born in 1912 in Ely, Nevada. From birth she was known as Pat. Both parents died before she was 18. She took part-time jobs to work her way through USC and graduated cum laude in 1937. She met Richard Nixon through a Little Theater group in Whittier where she was teaching. They were married in 1940 and had two daughters, Tricia and Julie.



**President Richard Nixon** was elected to congress in 1946 and to the Senate in 1950. In 1952 he was elected vice president. During their two terms Eisenhower sent him on missions to 56 countries, including Russia. After losing the presidential election to John Kennedy in 1960, he ran again in 1968 and defeated Hubert Humphrey. The country's role in the Vietnamese War was reduced during his administration. President Nixon was re-elected in 1972, but the investigation into the White House cover-up of the Watergate burglary led to his resignation in 1974. He died on April 22, 1994 in New York City.

As First Lady, Pat Nixon encouraged volunteer service. She instituted a varied series of musical performances at the White House, from opera to bluegrass. She accompanied her husband on the historic visit to China, and made a journey on her own to take relief supplies to earthquake victims in Peru. She maintained her dignity during the troubled Watergate days. Pat Nixon died on June 22, 1993 in Park Ridge, New Jersey.

### Arizona Timeline

1971 - Mohave Community College is founded with its district offices in Kingman.

1972 - Cesar Chavez, founder of the National Farm Workers Association, fasts for 25 days in Phoenix over a new Arizona law that prohibits the right of farm workers to strike or boycott.

1973 - Kingman suffers the loss of 12 citizens, 11 of them fire department personnel, at a railroad propane tank explosion on July 5.