

Ohio elected leaders praise President Jimmy Carter for service to nation

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Ohio elected officials including Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Vice President-elect JD Vance, an Ohio senator, praised former President Jimmy Carter for his service to the nation. Carter, who served as the 39th president from 1977 to 1981, died Sunday at 100.

"Fran and I are saddened to hear of the death of former President Jimmy Carter. President Carter lived his faith through his public life, and he had one of the most impactful post-presidencies in American history. He dedicated his life to humanitarian work, including the building of housing through Habitat for Humanity, for which he became synonymous," DeWine said in a statement late Sunday. "He founded the Carter Center to support democracy and fight disease across the globe."

Sen. Vance, who takes the oath as vice president on Jan. 20, made his statement on X, formerly Twitter.

"Jimmy Carter dedicated his life to serving this country. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones. May he Rest in Peace," Vance said.

Here are some reactions from other Ohio officials:

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, D-Columbus

"Mourning the passing of President Jimmy Carter, a global peacemaker who showed that peace is not only forged through historic agreements and support for democratic efforts around the world but also by advancing human dignity in areas like housing, healthcare, and more."

Congressman Mike Carey, R-Columbus

"The century of President Jimmy Carter's life was dedicated to serving the American people. From his time in the Navy and the Oval Office to his work for the civil rights movement and Habitat for Humanity, President Carter's legacy is one of kindness and humanitarianism."

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Congresswoman Emilia Sykes, D-Akron

"President Carter was an influential figure who lived his values of peace and dignity for all human beings through an incredible legacy of service. He was a decent and kind man who served as a model for every public servant to emulate. May his memory continue to bless us all."

Congressman Brad Wenstrup, R-Cincinnati

"Jimmy Carter was a good and honest man who devoted his life to service, through his time in the military, the government, and his work helping with affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity. My prayers are with his family. May his memory be a blessing."

Congresswoman Shontel Brown, D-Warrensville Heights

"Rest in Peace, President Jimmy Carter. President Carter was a leader who could negotiate with world leaders or pick up a hammer and build homes for those in need."

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost

"Former President Jimmy Carter was a man who lived out his faith and his principles. May he rest in peace."

Congressman Max Miller, R-Rocky River

"President Carter was a man of integrity who served this great country as a naval officer, as a state senator, as Governor of Georgia, and as President of the United States. Thank you for your example, Mr. President."

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich

"My wife and I had the honor of meeting President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn. They were truly lovely people. His life is a reflection of a man of faith with a deep commitment to serving others. Rest in peace, Mr. President."

Congressman Mike Turner, R-Dayton

"I am deeply saddened to learn about the death of President Jimmy Carter. President Carter was a man of integrity who was guided by his faith."

Congressman Troy Balderson, R-Zanesville

"President Jimmy Carter was a man of faith and a servant leader, both during his time in elected office and as a private citizen. My thoughts are with his family. May he rest in peace."