

# Jean Becker

Jean Becker was chief of staff for George H.W. Bush from March 1, 1994, until his death on November 30, 2018. She supervised his office operations in both Houston, Texas and Kennebunkport, Maine, overseeing such events as the opening of the George Bush Presidential Library Center in 1997 and the commissioning of the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier in January 2009 and coordinating his special projects such as the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. She took a leave of absence in 1999 to edit and research, *All the Best, George Bush: My Life in Letters and Other Writings*.

Previously, Ms. Becker served as deputy press secretary to First Lady Barbara Bush from 1989 to 1992. After the 1992 election, she moved to Houston to help Mrs. Bush with the editing and research of her autobiography, *Barbara Bush, A Memoir*. She later assisted Mrs. Bush with a follow-up book, *Reflections*, published in 2003.

Before joining the Bush White House staff in 1989, Ms. Becker was a newspaper reporter for 10 years, including a four-year stint at *USA Today* where her duties included covering the 1988 presidential election and a Page One editor.

She's the editor of *Pearls of Wisdom* by Barbara Bush; author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Man I Knew: The Amazing Story of George H.W. Bush's Post Presidency*; and *Character Matter ... And Other Life Lessons from George H.W. Bush*. Her next book, *Don't Tell the President: The Best, Worst, and Mostly Untold Stories from Presidential Advance*, written with Tom Collamore, will come out in February 2026.

Ms. Becker grew up on a family farm in Martinsburg, Missouri and was valedictorian of her country high school. She graduated from the University of Missouri in 1978 with a bachelor's in journalism and a bachelor's in arts with a major in political science. She was inducted into the Mizzou Hall of Fame in 2021.

She is a member of the board of directors for Points of Light and the George and Barbara Bush Foundation. She also is a member of the advisory board of The George Bush Library Center, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, and the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy.

She lives in Houston, Texas.