

A close-up portrait of Edward Kennedy, an older man with white hair, smiling and looking slightly to the right. He is wearing a light-colored sweater over a blue collared shirt.

Edward Kennedy

Member of
Kennedy clan
– America's
most powerful
political family –
and second
longest-serving
U.S. senator

■ **Feb 22, 1932: *Edward Moore Kennedy*** born Boston, youngest of nine children of ***Joseph*** and ***Rose Kennedy***

■ **1958:** Kennedy marries ***Virginia Joan Bennett***; they have three children

■ **1959:** Graduates from University of Virginia Law School

■ **1962:** Elected senator for Massachusetts, youngest U.S. senator

■ **1963:** Elder brother, President ***John F Kennedy***, assassinated

■ **1964:** Kennedy's back broken in plane crash that kills aide and pilot

■ **1968:** Second brother, Senator ***Robert Kennedy***, assassinated

■ **1969: *Chappaquiddick*** incident – Kennedy flees scene after car crash in which his young passenger dies

■ **1980:** Runs unsuccessfully for Democratic presidential nomination

■ **1982:** Divorces his wife, Joan

■ **1992:** Marries ***Victoria Reggie***

■ **2002:** Co-sponsors ***No Child Left Behind*** legislation

■ **2003:** Opposes Iraq War

■ **May 17, 2008:** Suffers seizure. Diagnosed with malignant brain tumour