

The curse of the Kennedys

The Kennedy family, famed for its extraordinary accomplishments, has also suffered more than its fair share of tragedy



■ **1941: Rosemary Kennedy**, eldest daughter of **Joseph** and **Rose Kennedy**, institutionalized for rest of her life after failed lobotomy. She dies in 2005



■ **1968: Senator Robert Kennedy** assassinated in Los Angeles at age 42, just after winning Democratic presidential primary in California



■ **1944: Joseph Kennedy Jr.**, eldest of Joe and Rose's nine children, dies at age 29 when his plane crashes on mission during World War II



■ **1969: Edward Kennedy** drives off bridge after party on Chappaquiddick Is. in Massachusetts. His passenger, 19-year-old **Mary Jo Kopechne**, drowns



■ **1948: Kathleen Kennedy Cavendish**, fourth Kennedy child, killed in plane crash in France at age 28



■ **1984: David Kennedy**, fourth of Robert Kennedy's 11 children, dies from drug overdose at age 28



■ **1963: President John Kennedy** assassinated while riding in presidential motorcade in Dallas, Texas, at age 46



■ **1997: Michael Kennedy**, another of Robert's sons, dies in skiing accident in Aspen, Colorado, at age 39



■ **1964: Senator Edward Kennedy**, youngest in family, narrowly escapes death in plane crash that kills aide



■ **1999: John Kennedy Jr.**, his wife and sister-in-law killed when plane he is flying crashes off Martha's Vineyard