

Nestor Kirchner dies



■ **1950:** Born in Rio Gallegos, in province of Santa Cruz, Argentina

■ **1987:** Elected mayor of Rio Gallegos

■ **1991:** Elected to first of three four-year terms as governor of Santa Cruz

■ **2003:** Becomes President by default after former president **Carlos Menem** withdraws from run-off race

■ **2003-07:** Guides nation's economic recovery with Peronist party partner **Cristina Fernandez** – his wife – as key advisor. Persuades Congress to repeal amnesty laws protecting military officers accused of abuses during 1976-83 dictatorship

■ **2007:** Chooses not to seek second presidential term. Cristina becomes Argentina's first female president – he remains her closest advisor

■ **Oct 27, 2010:** Kirchner suffers fatal heart attack at age 60