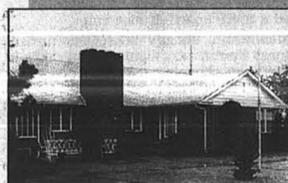


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A senator's LIFELINE

From Russell to Washington, here is a timeline showing the personal and political path of Bob Dole.



1923 - Born July 22 in Russell, the oldest son of the late Doran and Bina Dole. Above, a 1979 photo of the Russell home where his family moved when he was 9 months old. Below, a childhood photo of Bob Dole (left) and brother Kenny. He also has two sisters.



1945 - April 14th, Dole's right shoulder was shattered by German machine-gun fire on the front lines in the Italian Apennine Mountains as he tried to lead his men across a field near Castel d'Alano, Italy. The next 39 months were spent in and out of hospitals, battling infection and paralysis. The severity of the injury cost him use of his right hand, a kidney and nearly his life.

1951 - Political career began at age 26, when Bob Dole defeated the late Elmo Mahoney of Dorrance for a seat in the Kansas Legislature.

1960 - Defeated Keith Sebelius of Norton in the Republican primary to win a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sebelius later went to Congress as the representative of the Big First District.

1971 - Elected to serve as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

1972 - Divorces Phyllis after 24 years of marriage. They had one daughter, Robin.

1975 - Married Elizabeth Hanford, who is currently president of the American Red Cross.



1987 - Staged his second campaign for president, which failed when he lost the nomination to George Bush.

1994 - Moved to the majority leader's post again after Republicans regained control of the Senate.



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1941 - Graduated from Russell High School and enrolled at the University of Kansas in premedical courses, but the dream of a medical career never became a reality.

1943 - Enlisted in the U.S. Army; called to active duty the next year. Accepted into Officer Candidate School and traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., where he graduated as a second lieutenant in the fall of 1944.

1948 - Married Phyllis Holden, an occupational therapist he met at a rehabilitation hospital in Michigan. They had one daughter, Robin, who is now 40.

1949 - Enrolled at Washburn Municipal University, Topeka, where he graduated in 1952 with a law degree.

1952 - Returned to Russell to practice law. Elected to the first of four terms as Russell County attorney.



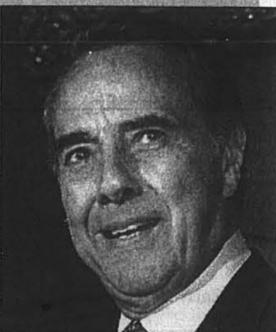
1968 - Elected to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Frank Carlson of Concordia. Dole's primary opponent was William Avery, a former Kansas governor and U.S. congressman from Wakefield.



1976 - At age 53, picked by President Gerald Ford as running mate on the Republican ticket.

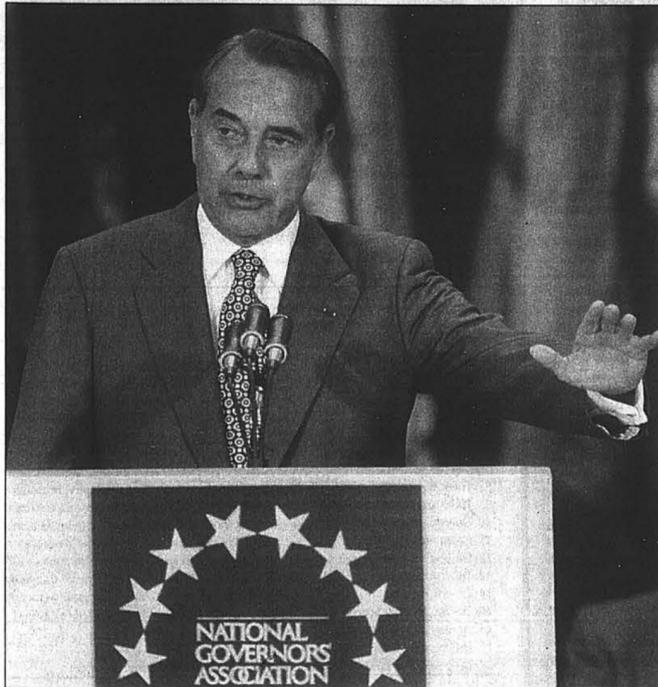
1979 - Returned to Russell to announce he is a candidate for president, but lost the GOP nomination to Ronald Reagan.

1984 - Elected to the powerful post of Senate majority leader.



1995 - Plans, at age 71, to declare officially his candidacy for president at 9:30 a.m. Monday on the south side of the Kansas Capitol.

Bob Dole for PRESIDENT



Senate majority leader will announce candidacy on Monday

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"I save everything. Dole is the same kind of person. He comes from the Depression days. I think he looks at things like I do," said Roderick, who was reared in tiny Wetmore in northeast Kansas.

Said Reece: "We're not a wasteful generation because when you go without you don't waste. And we're patriotic. Bob thinks a lot of this country, and much of that comes from the World War II background we all had. I'm sort of a flag-waver myself."

Front runner

This campaign is different from the 1988 race, supporters say, because Dole is better organized, he has gained national attention

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KU professor

Alzheimer's, and they wonder how bad it was during his presidency. That may not be fair, but it could hurt older candidates for a time," Collier said.

"Bob Dole should go out and chop wood. That's what Reagan did any time they called him old. He put on a flannel shirt and went out and chopped wood. Dole is not a wood chopper, but he's a guy who works an incredible number of hours each day."

Work has been a trademark of Dole's life — from his early days in Russell through his long and painful recovery from war wounds to the political life that gave him world attention.

One of the often-told stories about Dole involves his days as Russell County attorney. Around midnight one spring evening in 1960,

Huck Boyd, publisher of the Phillips County Review and later a member of the Republican National Committee, was attracted to the Russell County Courthouse by a light in the window. He stopped to find out who the hard worker was and found Dole combing through notecards of Republicans from whom he might seek political support. That fall, with Boyd's help, Dole won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I did not know him at that time, but Huck would come home and talk about him," said Boyd's widow, Marie, who appeared in Russell in 1987 to voice her support for Dole's 1988 campaign for president. "Huck liked him and was interested in him and knew he was headed toward bigger things."

Dole the man hasn't changed

Some say Bob Dole has changed, that the man who entered Kansas politics as a "right-wing conservative" opposed to aid to education and health and trade with any communist country has matured into a polished national leader with a flair for pragmatism and compromise.

But those who have known Dole for years say the man himself hasn't changed. They say he has always carried with him the ideals and character that come from the honest, hard-work ethic of rural Kansas.

"They compare his life to their own, in the case of Roderick a young man growing up in a small town where the citizens instead of the city cared for the local ball diamonds, and "If you told a lie it was your neck."

"He has always been a very aggressive, hard-working fellow. I don't think he even swore in college," said Roderick, who played basketball with Dole for KU's legendary Phog Allen.

He also thinks of Dole's World War II record.