

Calvin L. Rampton

November 6, 1913 – September 16, 2007

Calvin Lewellyn “Cal” Rampton was the 11th Governor in the state of Utah and the only three-term governor, he held office from 1965 to 1977.

Calvin Rampton was born to Lewellyn Smith Rampton and Janet Campbell Rampton on November 6, 1913 in Bountiful, Utah, the oldest of three children. He married Lucybeth Cardon on March 10, 1940 and they had four children. After his graduation from Davis High School in 1931, he took over the family automobile business, due to his father’s death that same year. In 1933 he sold the business and went to college at the University of Utah. He graduated in 1936 and four years later after also attending George Washington University Law School he received his law degree from the University of Utah. While attending George Washington University from 1936 to 1938, he was administrative assistant to Utah Congressman J. Will Robinson.

He was the Davis County Attorney from 1939 to 1941 and Assistant Attorney General for Utah from 1941 to 1942. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army in Europe and at war’s end was Chief of the Senior U.S. Army Claims Commission in Paris. After the war, he returned to Salt Lake City, where he practiced law until his election as governor in 1964.

Once Rampton was in office he became one of the most popular governors in the state’s history. With a unbeatable knack for conciliation and pro-business/development stance that allowed him to become the consensus candidate of the business and political establishment, he was re-elected easily in 1968 and even more easily in 1972.

As governor, Rampton worked closely with business leaders and pushed industrial development, tourism, development and energy resources, and expansion of the defense industry in Utah. He also established the Little Hoover Commission to recommend ways of restructuring and reorganizing state government, he established the Utah Police Training Academy.

Governor Rampton passed away September 16, 2007 he is buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. His grave location is: **Plat – West, Block – 7, Lot – 72, Grave – 4, Tier – E**

