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Office of the Administrator  
Washington, DC 20546-0001



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The Reagan Family  
c/o The Ronald Reagan Presidential  
Library and Museum  
40 Presidential Drive  
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Dear Reagan Family,

On behalf of the entire NASA Family, please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your mother, Mrs. Nancy Reagan. I was personally deeply sorry to learn of her death. Please know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire NASA Family are with you and your family during this difficult time.

As the family escort for the Ronald McNair family after the *Challenger* accident in January 1986, I have many fond memories of your mother's personal attention to the families affected by the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster when she and President Reagan came to the Johnson Space Center in Houston to participate in the National Memorial Service for the crew. Her warmth and compassion helped them and our Nation through a difficult time, and we never forgot her care and heartfelt sympathy.

NASA first flew to space aboard the Space Shuttle during President Reagan's Administration, and his and Mrs. Reagan's support of our Nation's space program have enabled us to set our sights on destinations farther in the solar system today. As we reflect on Mrs. Reagan's life, it is with deep affection and respect for all she has done for NASA and our Nation.

Sincerely,

*God's Blessings!*  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CF Bolden, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles F. Bolden, Jr.  
Administrator