



*Jack was a PT commander in World War II and Joe was a fighter pilot.*

In 1938, Jack's father was appointed ambassador to England. Jack traveled in Europe, watching it edge toward World War II. Finally, he discovered he liked studying governments. He wrote a 150-page term paper about European governments and graduated Harvard with honors.

In 1941, after America entered World War II, Joe joined the Naval reserves. Jack's bad back would have disqualified him, but he insisted his father persuade the Navy to accept him.



#### JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Born May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts. Prepared at The Choate School. Home Address: 294 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York. Winthrop House. *Crimson* (2-4); Chairman Smoker Committee (1); St. Paul's Catholic Club (1-4). Football (1), Junior Varsity (2); Swimming (1), Squad (2). Golf (1). House Hockey (3, 4); House Swimming (2); House Softball (4). Hasty Pudding-Institute of 1770; Spee Club. Permanent Class Committee. Field of Concentration: Government. Intended Vocation: Law.

*Harvard University's 1940 yearbook shows Jack's picture and lists the activities in which he was involved.*

*Did You Know...*

Harvard is the oldest university or college in the United States.

## A New Leader for a New Generation



Joe Jr.'s plane exploded during a secret bombing mission. His body was never found. Jack's father had wanted Joe to become president. But now, his father expected Jack to take Joe's place.

Jack said, "I can't just do what I like, and I'm sure now that Joe is dead, I'm going into politics."



*Joseph Kennedy Sr. liked to have control over his sons.*