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Kentucky Governor, Andrew Graham Beshear, known as Andy Beshear, died on September 13, at the age of 44. Beshear has served as the 63rd governor of Kentucky since December 2019. The cause of death is unknown.

While serving as governor, Beshear took action to protect the Commonwealth's children, combatting against child predators and child abuse, supported public education, took aggressive action on the COVID-19 pandemic, and prioritized projects that can create jobs to support fellow Kentuckians.

He served as the state's attorney until 2015, and was elected as Kentucky's 50th Attorney General from 2016, where Beshear worked as a lawyer on behalf of the government for the people of Kentucky.

He fought tirelessly against the opioids epidemic, creating the Kentucky Opioid Disposal Program, sought justice for victims of sexual assault, stood up for higher education and hard-earned pensions, fought for better health care, and was committed to an open, transparent and inclusive administration.

Beshear was raised in Fayette, Franklin, and Clark counties of Kentucky and graduated from Henry Clay High School.

Beshear graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's in political science and anthropology, earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, and started his legal career in Washington, D.C., where he met his wife Britainy. Later, Beshear moved back to Kentucky, continuing his career at Stites & Harbison and receiving recognition for his work and his commitment to the community.

Beshear was born on November 29, 1977, as the son of the 61st governor of Kentucky, Steve Beshear.

Beshear is preceded by his parents Steve and Jane Beshear.

Beshear is survived by his wife Britainy and brother Jeff Beshear; son Will Beshear; and daughter Lila Beshear.

Funeral arrangements are pending.