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Consider two very classy ladies (as reported by Newsmax.com):

After having suffered a stroke, and with her doctors cautioning her against it, Lady Margaret Thatcher flew across the Atlantic to attend the funeral of her friend and fellow champion of freedom, Ronald Reagan. She not only attended the rites at the National Cathedral last Friday morning, but she then flew with the Reagan family another five hours across the country to be with her friend at his sunset burial service in California.

She was the only world leader to attend both the funeral in Washington and the burial in Simi Valley. But her love and respect for our 40th president can be seen in two other truly beautiful gestures. It is being said that Prime Minister Thatcher believed the funeral of Ronald Reagan would be one of the last great events in her public life. It was so important to her that, over a year ago, with her speech slightly slurred by the stroke she had suffered, she went ahead and videotaped the 10-minute eulogy that was played during Friday's morning rites, expressing her heartfelt love and admiration for the Gipper.

She feared that, at the time of Reagan's funeral, her own health might've deteriorated to the point that she either would not physically be able to attend or would not be able to speak intelligibly. And two years ago, with Reagan's health failing, she went ahead and bought the black dress that she wore on Friday. Ever since then, wherever she has traveled, she took the dress with her -- in case Reagan passed away suddenly, leaving her no time to fly back to London! What a class act!

- And then there was Nancy Reagan herself, who steadfastly cared for her husband through his declining years and then bravely shared his passing with all of us last week. As if that wasn't classy enough, it was Nancy who personally refused to allow former President Bill Clinton to speak at the funeral in Washington! According to former Republican congressman John LeBoutillier, who forged close ties with the Reagans during their tenure at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Nancy feels that Billy Boy stained (you should pardon the \_expression) the image of the Oval Office and the Presidency itself. Both Ronald and Nancy Reagan had REVERED the Oval Office. Reagan had made it his policy, throughout his eight years in power, never to enter "the Oval" without a suit and tie on.

Before his inauguration in 1981, Reagan reportedly told aides that he had been shocked by the photographs he'd seen of President Jimmy Carter casually lounging in the Oval Office wearing blue jeans and without a tie. He told his aides that things like that would change once he was sworn in. Of course, Jimmy's casual approach was NOTHING compared to the depravity of Bill Clinton in the Oval Office, his pants down around his ankles and Monica on her knees. THAT had been too much for Nancy Reagan!

So, when word reached her last week that Bill Clinton wanted to speak at her husband's funeral (to prevent it from being "too politicized," he said), her answer was a resounding NO! A source close to the Reagan family told LeBoutillier that politics had nothing to do with it. She simply would not permit her husband's funeral to be "sullied" by the man who had "desecrated" the Oval Office, a shrine of freedom that Ronald Reagan had held as a sacred trust! Way to go, Mrs. Reagan! Right on!