

Father of would-be Reagan assassin dies

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. -- John Hinckley Sr., whose son tried to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan in 1981 to impress actress Jodie Foster, died Tuesday at the age of 82. Hinckley, a resident of Kingsmill, Va., had been in declining health. Officials have yet to decide whether John Hinckley Jr. will be allowed to leave St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington to attend his father's memorial service Saturday in Williamsburg, Va., the Newport News (Va.) Daily Press reported Wednesday. The elder Hinckley's failing health had prompted a judge to award his wife sole custody of their son during his monitored Williamsburg visits. The death of his father reportedly has raised questions about where his son will reside if he continues to move toward living out of the mental institution, where he was placed after being deemed insane by the courts after his assassination attempt. "Maybe going forward it should be in a different city. It's a question I've raised time and again," U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman said in 2006. p>

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