

In conclusion, I feel I was an honest, responsible and hard working person. I deeply cared for people throughout my life and, as President, continued to work for the best interests of the American people as well as the country. Through these experiences I learned to believe in myself and speak my mind. In addition, I learned that being dedicated and determined is the way to success. Unfortunately, even though I tried to unite our country both geographically and in beliefs, many Americans still disagreed with me. On April 14, 1865, four days after the Civil War ended, I was shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. and I died at seven the next morning. Now, as I look back over my life, I recognize that even though things were not always perfect I have many accomplishments that make me proud *and* make me an Illinois Famous Person.