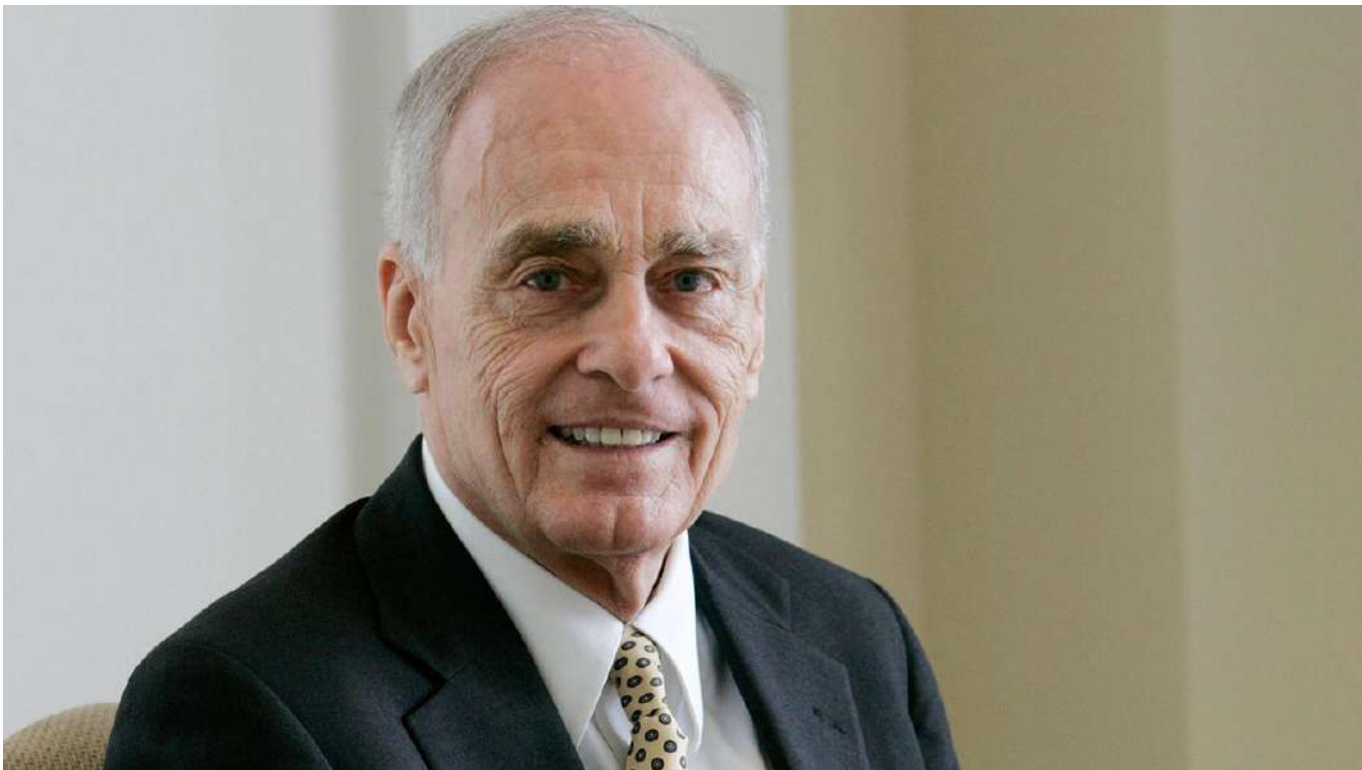


Vincent Bugliosi: The Legacy



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Vincent Bugliosi died last month at the age of 80. If his name is not familiar to you, we had best start with its pronunciation: Booliosi.

Vince Bugliosi is best remembered as the prosecuting District Attorney in one of the most notorious mass murder trials of the Twentieth Century: the Manson Trial or the Tate LaBianca Murders. Sharon Tate was the wife of the film director – and later **child rapist – Roman Polanski**. Heavily pregnant, she and four others were murdered in truly horrific fashion by the Manson “Family”.

This was followed by the murder of Rosemary and Leno LaBianca, a wealthy couple who lived in the same area. You can read all about that notorious case on **this legal website**; you will also find much related footage on YouTube. Again, if you are not familiar with it, the details are truly shocking.

Bugliosi secured the conviction of all the defendants, and with the book he co-wrote on the case, his place in history was cemented. Now that he is dead, claims have been made about his personal

life which do not show him in such a flattering light. Actually, some of these claims have been around for a long time, but whether or not he had a mistress and a love child in addition to his wife of 59 (fifty-nine!) years, Vincent Bugliosi’s legacy extends far beyond this one trial. In total he is said to have prosecuted 106 felony cases with a staggering 105 convictions including 21 murder trials without a single loss. He also pronounced OJ Simpson guilty before the verdict – something that would have landed him in hot water in the UK. He would go on to both write a book and make a lengthy documentary about the Simpson double murder case. He would also call for the (former) President of the United States to be **put on trial** for mass murder. Now that takes some courage for someone so high up the food chain.

Perhaps most intriguingly though, he was the prosecutor in a **mock trial of Lee Harvey Oswald**. As a lawyer, he had no time for the conspiracy nonsense surrounding the Kennedy Assassination, and also wrote a book on the subject. It is probably for these three things Vincent Bugliosi should be remembered: the Manson Trial, his devastating critique of George W. Bush, and his common sense view of the most spectacular assassination in history. Whatever one thinks of Bugliosi the man, he was a charismatic and powerful speaker, and when he expressed an opinion, you could be sure he meant it.

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