

## Peron to Be Reburied in Argentina



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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina -- Late strongman Juan Domingo Peron, who dominated Argentine politics like no other 20th century leader with his wife Evita at his side, will be buried Tuesday for a third time since his death in 1974.

Peron's body will be escorted by motorcade to a union hall for a midday tribute, then taken to a new \$1.1 million mausoleum in San Vicente, 30 miles southwest of Buenos Aires.

Supporters hope one day the body of his famous first lady might one day rest beside him. Relatives of the late Eva Peron, or Evita, have opposed moving her remains from the tomb in Buenos Aires' Recoleta cemetery.

As Argentina's power couple, the Perons cultivated an enormous working-class following by redirecting agricultural wealth to legions of urban poor through projects to build schools, hospitals and homes.

Peron was elected president three times and died in office on July 1, 1974, at the age of 78.

President Nestor Kirchner and other members of the ruling Peronist party are expected to take part in Tuesday's ceremonies.

Thirty-two years after Peron's death, supporters say he deserved a resting place befitting a national hero, instead of his current home in the crowded Chacarita cemetery in Buenos Aires \_ where his hands were amputated and stolen by grave robbers in 1987.

Workers on Monday tore a hole in the side of Peron's crypt and removed the heavy metal coffin horizontally to avoid damaging his remains, said Alejandro Rodriguez Peron, his nephew.

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