



Martin Van Buren

**Born: December 5, 1782 in
Kinderhook, NY**

**Died: July 24, 1862 in
Kinderhook, NY**

Martin Van Buren devoted his political career to resolving differences between North and South by uniting their interests. In the process he founded the Democratic Party, the first nationwide mass political party in history. Yet it split, along with the rest of the nation, as the conflict over slavery hardened in the 1840's and 1850's.

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