

# Basic Detail Report

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Pope John Paul I lies in state in St. Peter's

basilica, the day after his death, that took place on 28 September 1978

**Date**

1978-1978

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

Pope John Paul I, born Albino Luciani (1912 – 1978), served as Pope from 26 August 1978 to his sudden death 33 days later. His reign is among the shortest in papal history. He enjoyed great popularity and was known as 'the smiling Pope'. His sudden death caused some speculation, but the request for an autopsy to determine the cause of death was denied.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 20.8 x 30.9 cm (8 2/8 x 12 1/8 in.)