

# **Dennis Hopper**



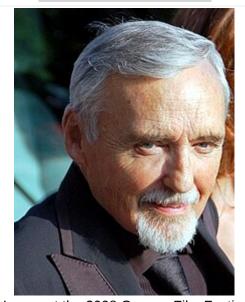
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**Dennis Lee Hopper** (May 17, 1936 – May 29, 2010) was an American actor, filmmaker, photographer and artist. He attended the Actors Studio, made his first television appearance in 1954, and soon after appeared alongside James Dean in Rebel Without a Cause (1955) and Giant (1956). In the next ten years he made a name in television, and by the end of the 1960s had appeared in several films. Hopper also began a prolific and acclaimed photography career in the 1960s. [1]

Hopper made his directorial film debut with Easy Rider (1969), which he and co-star Peter Fonda wrote with Terry Southern. The film earned Hopper a Cannes Film Festival Award for "Best First Work" and a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay (shared with Fonda and Southern). Journalist Ann Hornaday "With wrote: its portrait counterculture heroes raising their middle fingers to the uptight middleclass hypocrisies, Easy Rider became the cinematic symbol of the 1960s, a celluloid anthem to freedom, macho bravado and anti-establishment rebellion". [2] Film critic Matthew Hays notes that, "no other persona better signifies the lost idealism of the 1960s than that of Dennis Hopper". [3]

### **Dennis Hopper**

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Hopper at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival

Born	Dennis Lee Hopper May 17, 1936 Dodge City, Kansas, U.S.
Died	May 29, 2010 (aged 74) Venice, California, U.S.
Cause of death	Prostate cancer
Resting place	Jesus Nazareno Cemetery, <u>Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico</u> , U.S.
Nationality	American
Education	Helix High School
Alma mater	Actors Studio
Occupation(s)	Actor, filmmaker, photographer, artist
Years active	1954–2010

He worked on various small projects until he found new fame for his role as American photojournalist Apocalypse Now (1979). He went on to helm his third directorial work Out of the Blue (1980), for which he was honored at Cannes, again appeared in Rumble Fish (1983) and The Osterman Weekend (1983). He saw a career resurgence in 1986 when he was widely acclaimed for his performances in Blue Velvet and Hoosiers, the latter of which saw him nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. His fourth directorial outing came about through Colors (1988), followed by an Emmynominated lead performance in Paris Trout (1991). Hopper found even greater fame for portraying the villains of the films Super Mario Bros. (1993), Speed (1994) and Waterworld (1995).

Notable work	Easy Rider, Blue Velvet, Apocalypse Now, Hoosiers, Colors, Speed, Rumble Fish
Television	Crash
Spouses	Brooke Hayward (m. 1961; div. 1969)
	Michelle Phillips (m. 1970; div. 1970)
	Daria Halprin (m. 1972; div. 1976)
	Katherine LaNasa (m. 1989; div. 1992)
	Victoria Duffy (m. 1996; "his death" is deprecated; use "died" instead. 2010)
Children	4; including Ruthanna and Henry Hopper
Awards	1969 Cannes Film Award  1987 Boston Society of Film Critics Award for Best  Supporting Actor  1987 Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for  Best Supporting Actor  1987 National Society of Film Critics Award for Best  Supporting Actor  1995 MTV Movie Award for Best Villain

Hopper's later work included a leading role in the short-lived television series

<u>Crash</u> (2008–2009), inspired by the <u>Academy Award</u>-winning film of the same name. Production on his final film, <u>The Last Film Festival</u> (2016), completed just before his death; originally slated for 2011 distribution, the project was picked up for theatrical release in late 2016 by <u>Monterey Home Video</u>. Hopper has an additional posthumous credit in the completed, but unreleased <u>Orson Welles</u> drama <u>The Other Side of the Wind</u>, acquired for distribution by Netflix. [5][6]

## Early life

Hopper was born on May 17, 1936, in <u>Dodge City, Kansas</u>, the son of Marjorie Mae (<u>née</u> Davis; July 12, 1917 – January 12, 2007)<sup>[7][8]</sup> and James Millard Hopper<sup>[9]</sup> (June 23, 1916 – August 7, 1982).<sup>[7]</sup> He had Scottish ancestors.<sup>[10]</sup> Hopper had two brothers, Marvin and David.<sup>[11]</sup>

After <u>World War II</u>, the family moved to <u>Kansas City</u>, <u>Missouri</u>, where the young Hopper attended Saturday art classes at the <u>Kansas City Art Institute</u>. At the age of 13, Hopper and his family moved to <u>San Diego</u>, where his mother worked as a lifeguard instructor and his father was a post office manager (Hopper has acknowledged, though, that his father was in the <u>Office of Strategic Services</u>, the precursor to the <u>Central Intelligence Agency</u>, in China with <u>Mao Zedong</u>). Hopper was voted most likely to succeed at <u>Helix High School</u>, where he was active in the drama club, speech and choir. 13 It was there that he developed an interest in acting, studying at the

<u>Old Globe Theatre</u> in San Diego, and the <u>Actors Studio</u> in New York City (he studied with <u>Lee Strasberg</u> for five years). Hopper struck up a friendship with actor <u>Vincent Price</u>, whose passion for art influenced Hopper's interest in art. He was especially fond of the plays of William Shakespeare.

### Career

### **Film**

Hopper was reported to have an uncredited role in <u>Johnny Guitar</u> in 1954 but he has stated that he was not even in <u>Hollywood</u> when this film was made. Hopper made his debut on film in two roles with <u>James Dean</u> (whom he admired immensely) in <u>Rebel Without a Cause</u> (1955) and <u>Giant</u> (1956). Dean's death in a 1955 car accident affected the young Hopper deeply and it was shortly afterwards that he got into a confrontation with veteran director <u>Henry Hathaway</u> on the film <u>From Hell to Texas</u>. Hopper forced Hathaway to shoot more than 80 takes of a scene over several days before he acquiesced to Hathaway's direction. After filming was finally completed, Hathaway allegedly told Hopper that his career in Hollywood was finished. [15]

In his book *Last Train to Memphis*, American popular music <u>historian Peter Guralnick</u> says that in 1956, when <u>Elvis Presley</u> was making his first film in Hollywood, Hopper was roommates with fellow actor <u>Nick Adams</u> and the three became friends and socialized together. In 1959 Hopper moved to New York to study <u>Method acting under Lee Strasberg</u> at the <u>Actors Studio</u>. In 1961, Hopper played his first lead role in <u>Night Tide</u>, an atmospheric supernatural thriller involving a mermaid in an amusement park.

In a December 1994 interview on the <u>Charlie Rose Show</u>, Hopper credited <u>John Wayne</u> with saving his career, as Hopper acknowledged that because of his insolent behavior, he could not find work in Hollywood for seven years. Hopper stated that because he was the son-in-law of actress <u>Margaret Sullavan</u>, a friend of John Wayne, Wayne hired Hopper for a role in <u>The Sons of Katie Elder</u> (1965), also directed by Hathaway, which enabled Hopper to restart his film career. Hopper acted in another John Wayne film, <u>True Grit</u> (1969), and during its production he became well acquainted with Wayne. In both of the films with Wayne, Hopper's character is killed in the presence of Wayne's character, to whom he utters his dying words.

### File:Hopper Rider.jpg

Hopper in *Easy Rider* wearing then radical long hair and mustache

Hopper had a supporting role as the bet-taker, "Babalugats", in <u>Cool Hand Luke</u> (1967). In 1968, Hopper teamed with <u>Peter Fonda</u>, <u>Terry Southern</u> and <u>Jack Nicholson</u> to make <u>Easy Rider</u>, which premiered in July 1969. With the release of <u>True Grit</u> a month earlier, Hopper had starring roles in two major box office films that summer. Hopper won wide acclaim as the director for his improvisational methods and innovative editing for <u>Easy Rider</u>. [18] The

production was plagued by creative differences and personal acrimony between Fonda and Hopper, the dissolution of Hopper's marriage to Hayward, his unwillingness to leave the editor's desk and his accelerating abuse of drugs and alcohol. Hopper said of *Easy Rider*: "The cocaine problem in the United States is really because of me. There was no cocaine before Easy Rider on the street. After Easy Rider, it was everywhere".  $^{[20]}$ 

Besides showing drug use on film, it was the first film to portray the new hippie lifestyle. Hopper became a stereotype for some male youths who rejected traditional jobs and traditional American culture, partly exemplified by Fonda's long sideburns and Hopper wearing shoulder-length hair and a long mustache. They were denied rooms in motels and proper service in restaurants as a result of their radical looks. Their long hair became a point of contention in various scenes during the film.

Hopper was unable to capitalize on his *Easy Rider* success for several years. In 1970 he filmed *The Last Movie*, cowritten by Stewart Stern and photographed by Laszlo Kovacs in Peru, and completed production in 1971. It won the prestigious CIDALC Award at that year's Venice Film Festival, but Universal Studios leaders expected a blockbuster like *Easy Rider*, and did not like the film or give it an enthusiastic release, while American film audiences found it confounding - as convoluted as an abstract painting. On viewing the first release print, fresh from the lab, in his screening room at Universal, MCA founder Jules Stein rose from his chair and said, "I just don't understand this younger generation." [22] During the tumultuous editing process, Hopper ensconced himself at the Mabel Dodge Luhan House in Taos, New Mexico, which he had purchased in 1970, [23] for almost an entire year. In between contesting Fonda's rights to the majority of the residual profits from *Easy Rider*, he married Michelle Phillips in October 1970.

Hopper was able to sustain his lifestyle and a measure of celebrity by acting in numerous <u>low budget</u> and European films throughout the 1970s as the archetypal "tormented maniac", including <u>Mad Dog Morgan</u> (1976), <u>Tracks</u> (1976), and <u>The American Friend</u> (1977). With <u>Francis Ford Coppola's blockbuster Apocalypse Now</u> (1979), Hopper returned to prominence as a hyper-manic Vietnam-era photojournalist. Stepping in for an overwhelmed director, Hopper won praise in 1980 for his directing and acting in <u>Out of the Blue</u>. Immediately thereafter, Hopper starred as an addled short-order cook "Cracker" in the <u>Neil Young/Dean Stockwell</u> low-budget collaboration <u>Human Highway</u>. Production was reportedly often delayed by his unreliable behavior. <u>Peter Biskind</u> states in the <u>New Hollywood</u> history <u>Easy Riders</u>, <u>Raging Bulls</u> that Hopper's cocaine intake had reached three grams a day by this time, complemented by 30 beers, and some marijuana and <u>Cuba libres</u>.

After staging a "suicide attempt" (really more of a <u>daredevil</u> act) in a coffin using 17 sticks of dynamite during an "art happening" at the <u>Rice University</u> Media Center (filmed by professor and documentary filmmaker Brian Huberman), [24] and later disappearing into the Mexican desert during a particularly extravagant bender, Hopper entered a drug rehabilitation program in 1983.

Though Hopper gave critically acclaimed performances in Coppola's <u>Rumble Fish</u> (1983) and <u>Sam Peckinpah</u>'s <u>The Osterman Weekend</u> (1983), it was not until he portrayed the gas-huffing, obscenity-screaming iconic villain <u>Frank Booth</u> in <u>David Lynch</u>'s <u>Blue Velvet</u> (1986) that his career truly revived. On reading the script Hopper said to Lynch: "You have to let me play Frank Booth. Because I am Frank Booth!" He won critical acclaim and several awards for this role, and in the same year received an <u>Oscar</u> nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his role as an alcoholic assistant basketball coach in *Hoosiers*.

In 1988, Hopper directed the critically acclaimed <u>Colors</u>. He was nominated for an <u>Emmy Award</u> for the 1991 <u>HBO</u> films *Paris Trout* and *Doublecrossed* (in which he played real life drug smuggler and <u>DEA</u> informant <u>Barry Seal</u>). The same year he starred as <u>King Koopa</u> in <u>Super Mario Bros.</u>, a 1993 critical and commercial failure loosely based on the video game of the same name. [14] In 1993, he played Clifford Worley in <u>True Romance</u>. He co-starred in the 1994 blockbuster <u>Speed</u> with <u>Keanu Reeves</u> and <u>Sandra Bullock</u>, and as magic-phobic H. P. Lovecraft in the TV movie *Witch Hunt*.

In 1995, Hopper played a greedy TV self-help guru, Dr. Luther Waxling in <u>Search and Destroy</u>. The same year, he starred as Deacon, the one-eyed nemesis of Kevin Costner in <u>Waterworld</u>. And in 1996 he starred in the science fiction comedy <u>Space Truckers</u> directed by <u>Stuart Gordon</u>. In 1999, he starred in The Prophet's Game (a dark thriller), Directed by David Worth and also starring <u>Stephanie Zimbalist</u>, Robert Yocum, <u>Sandra Locke</u>, <u>Joe Penny</u> and <u>Tracey Birdsall</u> in one of her earlier roles. In 2003, Hopper was in the running for the dual lead in the indie horror drama <u>Firecracker</u>, but was ousted at the last minute in favor of <u>Mike Patton</u>. In 2005, Hopper played Paul Kaufman in George A. Romero's <u>Land of the Dead</u>. In 2008, Hopper starred in <u>An American Carol</u>.

In 2008 he also played The Death in <u>Wim Wenders' Palermo Shooting</u>. His last major feature film appearance was in the 2008 film <u>Elegy</u> with <u>Ben Kingsley</u>, <u>Penélope Cruz</u> and <u>Debbie Harry</u>. For his last performance, he was the voice of Tony, the alpha-male of the Eastern wolf pack inside the 2010 3D computer animated film <u>Alpha and Omega</u>. He died before the movie was released. This brought the directors to dedicate the film to his memory at the beginning of the movie credits.

Hopper filmed scenes for <u>The Other Side of the Wind</u> in 1971, but the film is still unreleased; as of April 5, 2016, public knowledge has held that <u>Netflix</u> is negotiating to acquire the film for distribution in a deal worth \$5 million. [27]

### **Television**

Hopper debuted in an episode of the Richard Boone television series <u>Medic</u> in 1955, portraying a young <u>epileptic</u>.

He appeared as an arrogant young gunfighter, the Utah Kid, in the 1956 episode "Quicksand" of the first hourlong television western television series, ABC's *Cheyenne*, starring Clint Walker. In the story line, the Kid gave Cheyenne Bodie no choice but to kill him in a gunfight. In 1957, he played <u>Billy the Kid</u> on the episode "Brannigan's Boots" of ABC's *Sugarfoot*, with Will Hutchins.

He subsequently appeared in over 140 episodes of television shows such as <u>Gunsmoke</u>, <u>Bonanza</u>, <u>Petticoat</u> <u>Junction</u>, <u>The Twilight Zone</u>, <u>The Barbara Stanwyck Show</u>, <u>The Defenders</u>, <u>The Investigators</u>, <u>The Legend of Jesse James</u>, <u>Entourage</u>, <u>The Big Valley</u>, <u>The Time Tunnel</u>, <u>The Rifleman</u> in which he appeared in the premier episode as a sharpshooter [28] and <u>Combat!</u>.

Hopper teamed with Nike in the early 1990s to make a series of television commercials. He appeared as a "crazed referee" in those ads. [29] He portrayed villain  $\underline{\text{Victor Drazen}}$  in the first season of the popular drama  $\underline{24}$  on the Fox television network.

Hopper appeared on the final two episodes of the cult 1991 television show *Fishing with John* with host *John Lurie*.

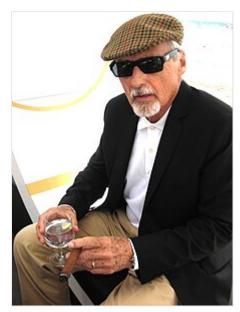
Hopper starred as a U.S. Army colonel in the <u>NBC</u> 2005 television series <u>E-Ring</u>, a drama set at <u>The Pentagon</u>, but the series was cancelled after 14 episodes aired in the USA. Hopper appeared in all 22 episodes that were filmed. He also played the part of <u>record producer</u> Ben Cendars in the Starz television series <u>Crash</u>, which lasted two seasons (26 episodes).

## Photography and art

Hopper had several artistic pursuits beyond film. He was a prolific photographer, painter, and sculptor. [30]

Hopper's fascination with art began with painting lessons at the <u>Nelson-Atkins Museum</u> while still a child in Kansas City, Missouri. [31] Early in his career, he painted and wrote poetry, though many of his works were destroyed in a 1961 fire that burned scores of homes, including his, on Stone Canyon Road [32] in <u>Bel Air</u>. [33] His painting style ranges from <u>abstract impressionism</u> to <u>photorealism</u> and often includes references to his cinematic work and to other artists. [1][34]

Ostracized by the Hollywood film studios due to his reputation for being a "difficult" actor, Hopper eventually turned to photography in the 1960s with a Nikon camera bought for him by his first wife, Brooke Hayward. During this period he created the cover art for the Ike & Tina Turner single *River Deep – Mountain High* (released in 1966). [35] He would become a prolific photographer, and noted writer Terry Southern profiled Hopper in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine as an up-and-coming photographer "to watch" in the mid-1960s. Hopper's early photography is known for portraits from the 1960s, and he began shooting portraits for Voque and other magazines. His photographs of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington and 1965 civilrights march in Selma, Alabama, were published. His intimate and unguarded images of celebrities like Andy Warhol and Jane Fonda were the subject of gallery shows and were collected in a book, "1712 North Crescent Heights". The book, whose title was his address in the Hollywood Hills in the 1960s, was edited by Marin Hopper. [33] In 1960– 67, before the making of *Easy Rider*, Hopper shot a selection of



Hopper in June 2008

groundbreaking images that is seen as telling a remarkable history of art, artist, places and events of that time. [36] *Dennis Hopper: Photographs* 1961-1967 was published in February, 2011, by Taschen. [37]

Hopper began working as a <u>painter</u> and a <u>poet</u> as well as a collector of art in the 1960s as well, particularly <u>Pop</u> Art. Over his lifetime he amassed a formidable array of 20th- and 21st-century art, including many of <u>Julian Schnabel</u>'s works (such as a shattered-plate portrait of Hopper); numerous works from his early cohorts, such as <u>Ed Ruscha</u>, <u>Edward Kienholz</u>, <u>Roy Lichtenstein</u> (*Sinking Sun*, 1964), [38] and Warhol (*Double Mona Lisa*, 1963); and pieces by contemporary artists such as <u>Damien Hirst</u> and <u>Robin Rhode</u>. He was involved in L.A.'s <u>Virginia Dwan and Ferus</u> galleries of the 1960s, and he was a longtime friend and supporter to New York dealer <u>Tony Shafrazi</u>. One of the first art works Hopper owned was an early print of <u>Andy Warhol</u>'s <u>Campbell's Soup Cans</u> bought for US\$75. Hopper also once owned <u>Andy Warhol</u>'s <u>Mao</u> which he shot one evening in a fit of paranoia, the 2 bullet holes possibly adding to the print's value. The print sold at <u>Christie's</u>, New York, for US\$302,500 in January 2011. [39] The proceeds of the two-day sale of some 300 pieces from Hopper's collection at Christie's went to his four children. [40]

During his lifetime, Hopper's own work as well as his collection was shown in monographic and group exhibitions around the world including the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; the State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg; MAK Vienna: Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art, Vienna; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; and the Cinémathèque Française, Paris, and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Melbourne. In March 2010, it was announced that Hopper was on the "short list" for Jeffrey Deitch's inaugural show at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (MOCA). [41] In April 2010, Deitch confirmed that Hopper's work, curated by Julian Schnabel, will indeed be the focus of his debut at MOCA. [42] The title of the exhibition, *Double Standard*, was taken from Hopper's iconic 1961 photograph of the two Standard Oil signs seen through an automobile windshield at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard, Melrose Avenue, and North Doheny Drive on historic Route 66 in Los Angeles. The image was reproduced on the invitation for Ed Ruscha's second solo exhibition at Ferus Gallery in 1964.

On March 5, 2013, <u>HarperCollins</u> will publish a biography on Hopper by American writer <u>Tom Folsom</u>, *Hopper: A Journey into the American Dream*.[43]

On the Gorillaz album *Demon Days*, Hopper narrates the song "Fire Coming out of the Monkey's Head". [44]

In the late 1980s Hopper purchased a trio of nearly identical two-story, loft-style condominiums at 330 Indiana Avenue in Venice Beach, California — one made of concrete, one of plywood, and one of green roofing shingles — built by <u>Frank Gehry</u> and two artist friends of Hopper's, <u>Chuck Arnoldi</u> and Laddie John Dill, in 1981. [45] In 1987, he commissioned an industrial-style main residence, with a corrugated metal exterior designed by Brian Murphy, as a place to display his artwork. [46]

### Personal life

According to *Rolling Stone* magazine, Hopper was "one of Hollywood's most notorious drug addicts" for 20 years. He spent much of the 1970s and early 1980s living as an "outcast" in a small town after the success of *Easy Rider*. Hopper was also "notorious for his troubled relationships with women", including Michelle Phillips, who divorced him after eight days of marriage. [47] Hopper was married five times:

- Brooke Hayward, married 1961 divorced 1969, 1 child, daughter Marin Hopper (b. 1962)
- Michelle Phillips; married October 31, 1970 divorced November 8, 1970
- <u>Daria Halprin</u>; married 1972 divorced 1976, 1 child, daughter Ruthanna Hopper (b. 1974)
- Katherine LaNasa; married June 17, 1989 divorced April 1992, 1 child, son Henry Lee Hopper (b. 1990)
- Victoria Duffy; married April 13, 1996 separated January 12, 2010, 48 1 child, daughter Galen Grier Hopper (b. 2003)

Hopper has two granddaughters, Violet Goldstone and Ella Brill. [49]



Hopper with <u>Jack Nicholson</u> at the <u>62nd Academy</u> Awards in 1990

Hopper has been widely reported to be the <u>godfather</u> of actress <u>Amber Tamblyn</u>; <u>[50]</u> in a 2009 interview with <u>Parade</u>, Tamblyn explained that "godfather" was "just a loose term" for Hopper, <u>Dean Stockwell</u> and <u>Neil Young</u>, three famous friends of <u>her father</u>'s, who were always around the house when she was growing up, and who were big influences on her life. <u>[51]</u>

In 1999, Rip Torn filed a defamation lawsuit against Hopper over a story Hopper told on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Hopper claimed that Torn pulled a knife on him during pre-production of the film *Easy Rider*. According to Hopper, Torn was originally cast in the film but was replaced with Jack Nicholson after the incident. According to Torn's suit, it was actually Hopper who pulled the knife on him. A judge ruled in Torn's favor and Hopper was ordered to pay US\$475,000 in damages. Hopper then appealed but the judge again ruled in Torn's favor and Hopper was required to pay another US\$475,000 in punitive damages.

According to Newsmeat, Hopper donated US\$2,000 to the <u>Republican National Committee</u> in 2004 and an equal amount in 2005. [53]

Hopper was honored with the rank of commander of <u>France's National Order of Arts and Letters</u>, at a ceremony in Paris. [54]

Hopper supported <u>Barack Obama</u> in the 2008 US <u>Presidential election</u>. Hopper confirmed this in an <u>election</u> <u>day</u> appearance on the <u>ABC</u> daytime show <u>The View</u>. He said his reason for not voting Republican was the selection of Sarah Palin as the Republican vice presidential candidate. [56]

## **Divorce from Victoria Duffy**

On January 14, 2010, Hopper filed for divorce from his fifth wife Victoria Duffy. [57] After citing her "outrageous conduct" and stating she was "insane", "inhuman" and "volatile", Hopper was granted a restraining order against her on February 11, 2010, and as a result, she was forbidden to come within 10 feet (3 m) of him or contact him. [58] On March 9, 2010, Duffy refused to move out of the Hopper home, despite the court's order that she do so by March 15. [59]

On March 23, 2010, he filed papers in court alleging Duffy had absconded with US\$1.5 million of his art, refused his requests to return it, and then had "left town". [60]

On April 5, 2010, a court ruled that Duffy could continue living on Hopper's property, and that he must pay US\$12,000 per month spousal and child support for their daughter Galen. Hopper did not attend the hearing. On May 12, 2010, a hearing was held before Judge Amy Pellman in downtown Los Angeles Superior Court. Though Hopper died two weeks later, Duffy insisted at the hearing that he was well enough to be deposed. The hearing also dealt with who to designate on Hopper's life insurance policy, which listed his wife as a beneficiary. A very ill Hopper did not appear in court though his estranged wife did – case BD518046. Despite Duffy's bid to be named the sole beneficiary of Hopper's million-dollar policy, the judge ruled against her and limited her claim to one-quarter of the policy. The remaining US\$750,000 was to go to his estate.

On November 14, 2010, it was revealed that, despite Duffy's earlier assertion in her court papers of February 2010 that Hopper was mentally incompetent, and that his children had rewritten his estate plan in order to leave Duffy and her daughter, Hopper's youngest child Galen, destitute, Galen would in fact receive the proceeds of 40% of his estate. [65]

## Illness and death

On September 28, 2009, Hopper, then 73, was reportedly brought by ambulance to an unidentified Manhattan hospital wearing an oxygen mask and "with numerous tubes visible". [66] On October 2, he was discharged, after receiving treatment for dehydration. [67]

On October 29, Hopper's manager Sam Maydew reported that he had been diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. [68] In January 2010, it was reported that Hopper's cancer had metastasized to his bones. [69]

On March 18, 2010, he was honored with the 2,403rd star on the <u>Hollywood Walk of Fame</u>, in front of <u>Grauman's Egyptian Theatre</u> on <u>Hollywood Boulevard</u>. Surrounded by friends including <u>Jack Nicholson</u>, <u>Viggo Mortensen</u>, <u>David Lynch</u>, <u>Michael Madsen</u>, family and fans, he attended its addition to the sidewalk six days later. [71]

By March 23, 2010, Hopper reportedly weighed only 100 pounds (45 kg) and was unable to carry on long conversations. [72] According to papers filed in his divorce court case, Hopper was terminally ill and was unable to undergo chemotherapy to treat his prostate cancer. [73][74]

Hopper died at his home in the coastal Los Angeles district of <u>Venice</u>, <u>California</u> on the morning of May 29, 2010, 12 days after his 74th birthday. His funeral took place on June 3, 2010 at <u>San Francisco de Asis Mission Church</u> in <u>Ranchos de Taos</u>, <u>New Mexico</u>. His body was buried in Jesus Nazareno Cemetery, Ranchos de Taos.

The film *Alpha and Omega*, which was among his last film roles, was dedicated to him, as was the 2011 film *Restless*, which starred his son Henry Hopper.



Hopper at a ceremony to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on March 26, 2010, two months before his death.

## **Archive**

The moving image collection of Dennis Hopper is held at the Academy Film Archive. The Dennis Hopper Trust Collection represents Hopper's directorial efforts. [78]

## **Awards**

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result	Ref(s)
1969	Academy Awards	Best Original Screenplay (shared with Peter Fonda and Terry Southern)	Easy Rider	Nominated	[79]
	Cannes Film Festival	Best First Work		Won	[80]
	Carmes Film Festival	Palme d'Or		Nominated	
	Directors Guild of America Awards	Outstanding Directing - Feature Film		Nominated	
	National Society of Film Critics Awards	Special Award (For his achievements as director, co- writer and co-star.)		Won	
	Writers Guild of America Awards	Best Drama Written Directly for the Screen (shared with Peter Fonda and Terry Southern)		Nominated	
1971	Venice Film Festival	CIDALC Award	The Last Movie	Won	
1980	Cannes Film Festival	Palme d'Or	Out of the Blue	Nominated	[81]
1986	Boston Society of Film Critics  Best Supporting Actor (tied with Ray Liotta for Something Wild)				[82]
	Independent Spirit Awards	Best Male Lead	Blue Velvet	Won	
	Montreal World Film Festival	Best Actor			[83]
	National Society of Film Critics Awards	Best Supporting Actor			[84]
	Golden Globe Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	
	Golden Globe Awards	Best Supporting Actor	<u>Hoosiers</u>	Nominated	
	Academy Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Nominated	[85]
	Los Angeles Film Critics Association	Best Supporting Actor	Hoosiers + Blue Velvet	Won	[86]
1001	Emmy Awards	Outstanding Lead Actor — Miniseries or a Movie	Paris Trout  Nominated  Doublecrossed	[87]	
1991	CableACE Awards	Outstanding Lead Actor – Movie or Miniseries		inominated	
1994	MTV Movie Awards	Best Villain	Speed	Won	[88]
1995	Razzie Awards	Worst Supporting Actor	Waterworld	Won	[89]

## Works

### **Books**

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