



Jeffrey Dean Morgan

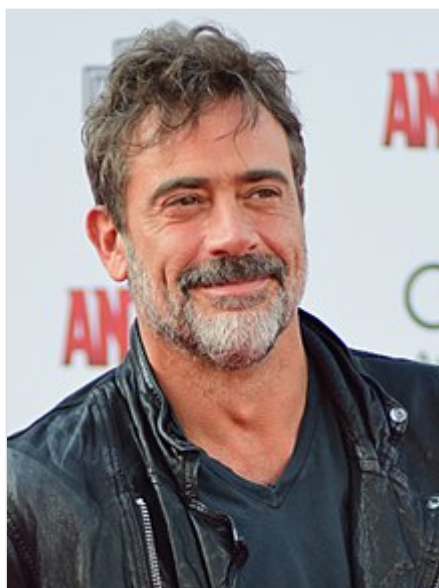
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Jeffrey Dean Morgan (born April 22, 1966) is an American actor. He is known for playing John Winchester on *Supernatural*, Denny Duquette on the medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*, The Comedian in the 2009 superhero film *Watchmen*, Jason Crouse on *The Good Wife*, and Negan on *The Walking Dead*.

Early life

Morgan was born in Seattle, Washington to Sandy Thomas and Richard Dean Morgan.^[2] He attended Ben Franklin Elementary School, Rose Hill Junior High, and Lake Washington High School in Kirkland, Washington, where he played football and captained the basketball team. He went on to play basketball at Skagit Valley College before being sidelined by an injury.

Career



Morgan at the premiere of *Ant-Man* on June 29, 2015

Starting with *Uncaged* (1991), Morgan has appeared in over 25 feature films. However, the bulk of his work has been in television. He was the star of the 1996–1997 television series *The Burning Zone*; his character, Dr. Edward Marcase, appeared in 10 out of 19 episodes that season.

In 2005 and 2006, Morgan simultaneously appeared in three television series: in the CW series *Supernatural* as John Winchester, in a recurring role on ABC's

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Morgan at the San Diego Comic-Con International in 2017

Born	April 22, 1966 <div>Seattle, <u>Washington</u>, U.S.</div>
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1991–present
Known for	<u>Negan</u> on <i>The Walking Dead</i> <u>John Winchester</u> on <i>Supernatural</i> <u>Denny Duquette</u> on <i>Grey's Anatomy</i> <u>The Comedian</u> in <i>Watchmen</i> <u>Jason Crouse</u> on <i>The Good Wife</i>

Grey's Anatomy as heart transplant patient Denny Duquette, and as Judah Botwin in two episodes of the Showtime series Weeds. He has also guest-starred in a number of television series, including ER; JAG; Walker, Texas Ranger; Angel; CSI: Crime Scene Investigation; Sliders; The O.C.; and Monk. In 2007, Morgan was cast in a proposed project by Grey's Anatomy creator Shonda Rhimes. The series, tentatively titled "Correspondents", was to have started production in summer 2007. ABC instead picked up a spin-off of Grey's Anatomy, called Private Practice, that was also created by Rhimes. As a result, "Correspondents" was shelved.

Spouse	<u>Anya Longwell</u> (1992–2003) ^[1]
Partner(s)	<u>Mary-Louise Parker</u> (2006–08) <u>Hilarie Burton</u> (2009–present)
Children	1

In 2007, Morgan starred in the film The Accidental Husband, which finished filming in March 2007 and was released on DVD in 2009.

Morgan starred in the thriller The Resident and the drama film Days of Wrath in 2008.

In 2009, Morgan portrayed The Comedian, a cigar-chomping antihero, in Watchmen, based on Alan Moore's graphic novel.^[3] The same year, Morgan appeared in Taking Woodstock, and played Clay in a comic book movie adaptation of The Losers.

Morgan appeared in the Texas crime thriller Texas Killing Fields as a homicide detective in 2011.^[4] The following year, Morgan starred in the television drama series Magic City, which centered on mob life in 1950s Miami. The same year, Morgan appeared in the horror thriller The Possession, and the war film Red Dawn. It was announced in January 2014, that Morgan had been cast in the lead role in Jonás Cuarón's Desierto.^[5]

In 2014, Morgan played Charlie Peters,^[6] the owner of the Cake House, in the season finale of Shameless.

In November 2014, Morgan was cast as Joe DiMaggio opposite Kelli Garner as Marilyn Monroe in The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe, a Lifetime four-hour miniseries based on J. Randy Taraborrelli's book of the same name.^[7]

In 2015, Morgan portrayed Deaf Smith in Texas Rising, a five-part mini-series which aired on the History Channel. Also in 2015, Morgan became a regular cast member for season 2 of the CBS sci-fi drama Extant. He also appeared in an uncredited role in Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, as Bruce Wayne's father, Thomas Wayne.

In 2015, Morgan took on the role of freelance investigator Jason Crouse, opposite Julianna Margulies, in the popular CBS TV series The Good Wife, until that series' conclusion in spring 2016.

In 2016, Morgan began to portray the character Negan on the AMC TV series The Walking Dead. He made his first appearance in the sixth-season finale on April 3, 2016 and served as the primary antagonist of the seventh and eighth seasons.^[8]

On May 28, 2017, Morgan drove the 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport Pace Car to lead the starting field of the 101st Indianapolis 500.^[9]

In September 2017, Morgan appeared in a commercial for the online game Evony.

Personal life

On May 30, 1992, Morgan was married to actress Anya Longwell in Las Vegas.^[1] In 2007, he was briefly engaged to his former *Weeds* costar Mary-Louise Parker,^[10] their engagement ended in April 2008.^[11]

In 2009, Morgan began a relationship with actress Hilarie Burton. The couple's son Augustus "Gus" was born in March 2010.^{[12][13]} In July, 2015, Morgan said that despite media reports to the contrary, he and Burton were not yet married but that they intended to wed when he could get enough time off from work.^[14]

Morgan and Burton made their home in the town of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County, New York on a working farm with cows, chickens and alpacas.^[15] Since 2014, they have been co-owners (along with Morgan's friend, actor Paul Rudd) of Samuel's Sweet Shop, a Rhinebeck candy store they saved from being closed after the previous owner, a friend of theirs, died suddenly.^[16]

In a June 2015, appearance on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, he was asked how many children he had and replied "I have one", referring to his son with Hilarie Burton.^[17] In September 2017, it was announced that the couple is expecting their second child, a girl.^[18]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1991	<i>Uncaged</i>	Sharkey	
1995	<i>Dillinger and Capone</i>	Jack Bennett	
1995	<i>Undercover Heat</i>	Ramone	
1997	<i>Legal Deceit</i>	Todd Hunter	
1999	<i>Road Kill</i>	Bobby	
2003	<i>Something More</i>	Daniel	short film
2004	<i>Dead & Breakfast</i>	The Sheriff	
2004	<i>Six: The Mark Unleashed</i>	Tom Newman	Direct-to-DVD
2005	<i>Chasing Ghosts</i>	Det. Cole Davies	Direct-to-DVD
2007	<i>Live!</i>	Rick	
2007	<i>Fred Claus</i>	Man Getting Parking Ticket	cameo
2007	<i>Kabluey</i>	Brad	
2007	<i>P.S. I Love You</i>	William Gallagher	
2008	<i>The Accidental Husband</i>	Patrick Sullivan	Direct-to-DVD
2008	<i>Days of Wrath</i>	Bryan Gordon	
2009	<i>Watchmen</i>	Edward Blake / The Comedian	
2009	<i>Taking Woodstock</i>	Dan	
2010	<i>Shanghai</i>	Connor	
2010	<i>The Losers</i>	Clay	
2010	<i>Jonah Hex</i>	Jeb Turnbull	uncredited
2011	<i>The Resident</i>	Max	
2011	<i>Peace, Love & Misunderstanding</i>	Jude	
2011	<i>Texas Killing Fields</i>	Brian Heigh	
2011	<i>The Courier</i>	The Courier	Direct-to-VOD
2012	<i>The Possession</i>	Clyde Brenek	
2012	<i>Red Dawn</i>	Sgt. Maj. Andrew Tanner USMC	
2014	<i>The Salvation</i>	Delarue	
2014	<i>They Came Together</i>	Frank	cameo

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2015	<i><u>Solace</u></i>	Agent Joe Merriweather	
2015	<i><u>Heist</u></i>	Luke Vaughn	Direct-to-VOD
2015	<i><u>Desierto</u></i>	Sam	
2015	<i><u>Guns for Hire</u></i>	Bruce	
2016	<i><u>Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice</u></i>	Thomas Wayne	uncredited
2018	<i><u>Rampage</u></i>	Agent Russell	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1995	<i><u>Extreme</u></i>	Jack Hawkins	2 episodes
1995	<i><u>JAG</u></i>	Weapons Officer	Episode: " <u>Shadow</u> "
1996	<i><u>Sliders</u></i>	Sid	Episode: " <u>El Sid</u> "
1996	<i><u>In the Blink of an Eye</u></i>	Jessie	Television film
1996–1997	<i><u>The Burning Zone</u></i>	Dr. Edward Marcase	11 episodes
2000	<i><u>Walker, Texas Ranger</u></i>	Jake Horbart	Episode: " <u>Child of Hope</u> "
2001	<i><u>ER</u></i>	Firefighter Larkin	Episode: " <u>The Crossing</u> "
2002	<i><u>The Practice</u></i>	Daniel Glenn	Episode: " <u>The Test</u> "
2002	<i><u>JAG</u></i>	CIA Technician Wally	2 episodes
2002	<i><u>Angel</u></i>	Sam Ryan	Episode: " <u>Provider</u> "
2002	<i><u>The Division</u></i>	Father William Natali	Episode: "Forgive Me, Father"
2003	<i><u>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</u></i>	Undercover Agent #1	Episode: "All for Our Country"
2003	<i><u>Star Trek: Enterprise</u></i>	Xindi-Reptilian	Episode: " <u>Carpenter Street</u> "
2004	<i><u>The Handler</u></i>	Mike	2 episodes
2004	<i><u>Tru Calling</u></i>	Geoffrey Pine	Episode: " <u>Two Pair</u> "
2004	<i><u>Monk</u></i>	Steven Leight	Episode: "Mr. Monk Takes Manhattan"
2005	<i><u>The O.C.</u></i>	Joe Zukowski	Episode: " <u>The Accomplice</u> "
2005	<i><u>Weeds</u></i>	Judah Botwin	2 episodes
2005–2007	<i><u>Supernatural</u></i>	John Winchester/Azazel	12 episodes
2006	<i><u>Jam</u></i>	Dale	Television film
2006–2009	<i><u>Grey's Anatomy</u></i>	Denny Duquette	23 episodes
2012–2013	<i><u>Magic City</u></i>	Ike Evans	16 episodes
2014	<i><u>Shameless</u></i>	Charlie Peters	Episode: "Lazarus"
2015	<i><u>The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe</u></i>	Joe DiMaggio	2 episodes

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2015	<i>Texas Rising</i>	"Deaf" Smith	5 episodes
2015	<i>Extant</i>	JD Richter	13 episodes
2015–2016	<i>The Good Wife</i>	Jason Crouse	19 episodes ^[19]
2016–present	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Negan	15 episodes Main cast (season 7–present) Special guest star (season 6)
2017	<i>Robot Chicken</i>	Negan (voice)	Episode: "The Robot Chicken Walking Dead Special: Look Who's Walking"

Accolades

- 2016: **Won** - Critics Choice Television award, Best Guest Performer in a Drama Series "*The Walking Dead*"
- 2017: Nominated - Fangoria Chainsaw award, Best Television Supporting Actor "*The Walking Dead*"
- 2017: Nominated - iHorror award, Best Actor - Horror Series "*The Walking Dead*"
- 2017: Nominated - MTV Movie + TV award, Best Actor in a Show "*The Walking Dead*"
- 2017: **Won** - MTV Movie + TV award, Best Villain "*The Walking Dead*"
- 2017: **Won** - Saturn award, Best Guest Performance in a Television Series "*The Walking Dead*"

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