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Suck it, 2016!

This year will be remembered as "the year that killed all my favorite celebrities." :(

Below is a list of people who died in 2015 and 2016. Have you heard of these people? If you have, click the checkbox next to their name.

You must be 18 years of age or older to complete the survey; please confirm this by checking the required box below. By completing this survey or questionnaire, you are consenting to be in this research study. Your participation is voluntary and you can stop at any time.

Thank you for your help!

Are you 18 years of age or older? (REQUIRED)

 I am 18 years of age or older.

Do you know me?

 A. P. J. Abdul Kalam: scientist and politician, President of India (2002–2007)

 Abbas Kiarostami: film director and screenwriter (Close-Up, Taste of Cherry, Certified Copy)

 Abdullah of Saudi Arabia: royal, King (since 2005)

 Abe Vigoda: actor (The Godfather, Barney Miller, Late Night with Conan O'Brien)

 Alan Nunnelee: politician, member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Mississippi (since 2011)

 Alan Rickman: actor (Harry Potter, Die Hard, Love Actually)

 Alvin Toffler: writer and futurist (Future Shock, The Third Wave)

 Amber Rayne, pornographic actress

 Ann Rule: true crime author (The Stranger Beside Me)

 Anton Yelchin: actor (Star Trek, Alpha Dog, Fright Night)

 Antonín Rükl: astronomer

 Antonin Scalia: judge, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (since 1986)

 Arnold Palmer: Hall of Fame professional golfer

 Árpád Göncz: writer and politician, President (1990–2000)

 Arthur Morris: Test cricketer

 B. K. Garudachar: cricket player

 B.B. King: Hall of Fame blues guitarist singer and songwriter ("The Thrill Is Gone")

 Beau Biden: politician Attorney General of Delaware (2007–2015)

 Ben E. King: soul and R&B singer ("Stand by Me")

 Bhalchandra Pendharkar: actor

 Bhumibol Adulyadej: monarch, King of Thailand (since 1946), world's longest-serving head of state

 Billy Pierce: baseball player (Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers, San Francisco Giants)

 Blaze Starr: stripper, burlesque comedian and club owner, subject of Blaze

 Bob Simon: television journalist (60 Minutes)

 Boutros Boutros-Ghali: politician and diplomat, Secretary-General of the United Nations (1992–1996)

 Brian Smyth: Gaelic footballer and hurler (Meath)

 Buckwheat Zydeco: accordionist and bandleader

 Buddy Cianci: politician and radio host, Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island (1975–1984, 1991–2002)

 Buddy Ryan: football head coach (Philadelphia Eagles, Arizona Cardinals) and defensive coordinator (Chicago Bears, Houston Oilers)

 Camille Muffat: swimmer, Olympic gold medalist (2012)

 Carl Djerassi: chemist, novelist, and playwright

 Caroline Aherne: comedian, actress, and writer (The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, The Fast Show)

 Charb: caricaturist and journalist

 Charles H. Townes: physicist, Nobel Prize laureate in Physics (1964)

 Charles Kennedy: politician Leader of the Liberal Democrats (1999–2006) MP (1983–2015)

 Christina Grimmie: singer-songwriter (Find Me) and talent show participant (The Voice)

 Chuck Bednarik: NFL Hall of Fame football player (Philadelphia Eagles)

 Chyna: professional wrestler (WWF) and actress (1 Night in China, 3rd Rock from the Sun, Cougar Club)

 Cilla Black: singer ("Anyone Who Had a Heart," "You're My World," "Step Inside Love") and TV presenter (Blind Date, Surprise, Surprise, The Moment of Truth)

 Clifford Vaughs: civil rights activist, filmmaker and motorcycle builder (Easy Rider)

 Colleen McCullough: author (The Thorn Birds)

 Conrad Burns: politician, Senator from Montana (1989–2007)

 Dale Bumpers: politician, Governor of Arkansas (1971–1975), Senator from Arkansas (1975–1999)

 Dario Fo: playwright, Nobel Literature Prize laureate (1997)

 Darryl Dawkins: basketball player (Philadelphia 76ers, New Jersey Nets)

 Dave Mirra: BMX rider, X Games winner (1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005)

 David Bowie: singer-songwriter, musician ("Space Oddity," "Heroes," "Starman") and actor (Labyrinth, Zoolander)

 Dean Smith: Hall of Fame basketball coach (North Carolina)

 Dennis Byrd: football player (New York Jets)

 Dick Van Patten: actor (Eight Is Enough, Spaceballs, Robin Hood: Men in Tights)

 Dick Wathika: politician, Mayor of Nairobi (2004–2008)

 Don Battye: composer and television producer

 Doug Cunningham: football player (Ole Miss Rebels, San Francisco 49ers)

 Dusty Rhodes: professional wrestler, booker (NWA, WCW, WWE), and promoter (TCW), Hall of Fame (2007, 2010)

 E. L. Doctorow: author (Ragtime, Billy Bathgate, The March)

 Earl Hamner, Jr.: television writer and producer (Falcon Crest, The Waltons, The Twilight Zone)

 Ed Sabol: filmmaker, founder of NFL Films

 Edgar Mitchell: astronaut (Apollo 14)

 Edward Albee: playwright (Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, A Delicate Balance, The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia?), Tony (1963, 2002) and Pulitzer Prize winner (1967, 1975, 1994)

 Elie Wiesel: writer (Night), political activist and Holocaust survivor, Nobel Laureate (1986)

 Ernie Banks: Hall of Fame baseball player (Chicago Cubs)

 Ernst Nolte: historian

 Fabiane Niclotti: model, Miss Universo Brasil 2004

 Flip Saunders: basketball coach (Detroit Pistons, Washington Wizards, Minnesota Timberwolves)

 Frank Gifford: Hall of Fame football player (New York Giants) and broadcaster (Monday Night Football)

 Frank Sinatra, Jr.: singer (That Face!) and actor (Hollywood Homicide)

 Fred Thompson: politician and actor (Law & Order, Sinister, Cape Fear), U.S. Senator from Tennessee (1994–2003), minority counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee

 Freddie Gray: police suspect

 Garo Yepremian: football player (Miami Dolphins)

 Garry Marshall: director, producer, writer, and actor (Happy Days, Pretty Woman, Murphy Brown)

 Garry Shandling: comedian, actor, and writer (The Larry Sanders Show, Iron Man 2, Over the Hedge)

 Gaylord Shaw: journalist

 Gene Amdahl: computer architect and high-tech entrepreneur

 Gene Wilder: actor (The Producers, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, Young Frankenstein), screenwriter, and author

 George Clayton Johnson: writer (Logan's Run, Ocean's 11, The Twilight Zone)

 George Voinovich: politician, Senator from Ohio (1999–2011), Governor of Ohio (1991–1998), Mayor of Cleveland (1980–1989)

 Glenn Frey: songwriter, musician (Eagles), and actor (Jerry Maguire)

 Gordie Howe: Hall of Fame ice hockey player (Detroit Red Wings, Hartford Whalers)

 Grace Lee Whitney: actress (Star Trek, Irma la Douce, Some Like It Hot)

 Guido Altarelli: theoretical physicist

 Guido Westerwelle: politician, German Minister for Foreign Affairs (2009–2013) and Vice-Chancellor (2009–2011)

 Günter Grass: novelist (The Tin Drum), Nobel Prize laureate in Literature (1999)

 Harper Lee: author (To Kill a Mockingbird)

 Harry Merlo: business and sports executive

 Harve Bennett: producer and writer (Star Trek, The Six Million Dollar Man, The Mod Squad)

 Herbert Scarf: mathematician

 Howard A. Anderson, Jr.: visual effects artist (Star Trek: The Original Series, Tobruk) and title designer (The Brady Bunch)

 Imre Kertész: writer laureate of the Nobel Prize in Literature (2002)

 Islam Karimov: politician, President of Uzbekistan (since 1990)

 Jack Chick: cartoonist (Chick tracts) and fundamentalist Christian publisher

 Jackie Collins: novelist

 Jacques Rivette: film director (La Belle Noiseuse Celine and Julie Go Boating Out 1) and critic (Cahiers du cinéma)

 James Horner: composer (Titanic, Field of Dreams, Apollo 13) Oscar winner (1998)

 James M. Nederlander: Broadway theater owner and producer (Nederlander Organization)

 Janet Waldo: actress and voice artist (The Jetsons, The Flintstones, Wacky Races)

 Jeralean Talley: supercentenarian, world's oldest living person

 Jim Perry: television emcee (Definition, Card Sharks, $ale of the Century)

 João Havelange: football executive, President of FIFA (1974–1998)

 Joe Garagiola Sr.: baseball player (Cardinals, Cubs, Pirates) and Hall of Fame sportscaster (MLB GOTW), World Series champion (1946)

 Johan Cruyff: football player and manager (AFC Ajax, FC Barcelona, Feyenoord, national team)

 John Douglas, 21st Earl of Morton: aristocrat

 John Forbes Nash, Jr.: mathematician, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economics (1994), subject of A Beautiful Mind

 John McLaughlin: political commentator and television personality (The McLaughlin Group)

 John Reinhardt: diplomat, United States Ambassador to Nigeria (1971–1975)

 John Saunders: sports journalist (ESPN, The Sports Reporters) and broadcaster (ESPN on ABC)

 Joy Browne: talk show host

 Julian Bond: civil rights activist and politician chairman of the NAACP (1998–2010)

 Keith Emerson: progressive rock and rock keyboardist (The Nice; Emerson Lake & Palmer)

 Ken Howard: actor (1776, The White Shadow, J. Edgar, Crossing Jordan), President of SAG/SAG-AFTRA (2009–2016), Emmy winner (1981, 2009)

 Ken Stabler: football player (Oakland Raiders)

 Kenny Baker: actor (Star Wars, Time Bandits, Flash Gordon)

 Kimbo Slice: mixed martial artist (Bellator, UFC), boxer, and actor (Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh)

 Knut Helle: historian

 LaVoy Finicum: cattle rancher and militant (Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Occupation)

 Lawrence Phillips: football player (University of Nebraska, St. Louis Rams) and convicted felon

 Lee Kuan Yew: politician, Prime Minister of Singapore (1959–1990)

 Lemmy: rock musician (Motörhead, Hawkwind)

 Leonard Nimoy: actor and director (Star Trek, Mission: Impossible, Fringe)

 Lizabeth Scott: actress (Dead Reckoning)

 Lonnie Mack: singer-guitarist (The Wham of that Memphis Man)

 Lothar Späth: politician, Minister President of Baden-Württemberg (1978–1991)

 Lou Pearlman: record producer, music manager (Backstreet Boys, NSYNC) and convicted criminal

 Malcolm Fraser: politician, Prime Minister of Australia (1975–1983)

 Mario Cuomo: politician, Governor of New York (1983–1994)

 Marni Nixon: singer (The King and I, West Side Story, My Fair Lady) and actress (The Sound of Music)

 Maureen O'Hara: actress (How Green Was My Valley, Miracle on 34th Street, The Quiet Man)

 Merle Haggard: singer-songwriter ("Okie from Muskogee," "The Fightin' Side of Me," "Carolyn"), Grammy winner (1984, 1998, 1999)

 Michael Cimino: screenwriter and director (The Deer Hunter, Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, Heaven's Gate)

 Mike Oxley: politician, member of the United States House of Representatives from Ohio's 4th congressional district (1981–2007)

 Milt Pappas: baseball player (Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs)

 Miss Cleo (Youree Dell Harris): television psychic

 Morley Safer: journalist (60 Minutes)

 Moses Malone: Hall of Fame basketball player (Philadelphia 76ers, Houston Rockets)

 Mother Angelica: Poor Clare nun, founder of the Eternal Word Television Network

 Muhammad Ali: boxer, Olympic gold medalist (1960), three-time WBC world heavyweight champion (1964, 1974, 1978)

 Nachum Heiman: composer, recipient of the Israel Prize (2009)

 Nancy Reagan: First Lady (1981–1989) and actress (Hellcats of the Navy, Donovan's Brain, The Next Voice You Hear...)

 Natalie Babbitt: children's author and illustrator (Tuck Everlasting)

 Natalie Cole: Grammy-winning singer ("This Will Be," "Sophisticated Lady," Unforgettable... with Love) and actress

 Nimr al-Nimr: Shia religious leader

 Oliver Sacks: neurologist and author (The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, Awakenings, Hallucinations)

 Omar Sharif: actor (Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago, Funny Girl)

 Pat Conroy: author (The Prince of Tides, The Great Santini, The Lords of Discipline)

 Pat Summitt: basketball coach (Tennessee Lady Volunteers)

 Patty Duke: actress (The Miracle Worker, The Patty Duke Show, Valley of the Dolls) President of SAG (1985–1988) Oscar winner (1962)

 Paul Couch: Australian football player (Geelong)

 Paul Prudhomme: chef, cookbook writer and restaurateur, recipient of the Order of Agricultural Merit (1980)

 Paul Webley: educator, president of SOAS University of London (2006–2015)

 Percy Sledge: R&B singer ("When a Man Loves a Woman")

 Pete Burns: singer-songwriter (Dead or Alive)

 Phife Dawg: rap musician (A Tribe Called Quest)

 Phyllis Schlafly: constitutional lawyer, conservative activist, and author

 Pierre Boulez: composer and conductor

 Prince: musician, songwriter ("Purple Rain," "Little Red Corvette"), and actor Oscar (1984) and Grammy (1984, 1986, 2004, 2007) winner

 Qandeel Baloch: model and social media celebrity

 Randy Bennett: swimming coach

 Ray Charles: musician (The Perry Como Show, The Muppet Show)

 Rob Ford: politician, Mayor of Toronto (2010–2014)

 Robert Black: serial killer and kidnapper

 Robert H. Schuller: televangelist (Hour of Power)

 Roddy Piper: professional wrestler (WWE, NWA, WCW) and actor (They Live, Hell Comes to Frogtown, Body Slam), hypertension

 Roland Mqwebu: actor

 Rolf Smedvig: classical trumpeter (Empire Brass)

 Ruth Rendell: crime novelist (Inspector Wexford)

 Sam Simon: writer producer and director (The Simpsons, Cheers, The Drew Carey Show)

 Samuel Goldwyn Jr.: film producer (The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World)

 Sandy Berger: political consultant, United States National Security Advisor (1997–2001)

 Sarah Brady: gun control campaigner

 Scott Weiland: musician (Stone Temple Pilots, Velvet Revolver, The Wondergirls)

 Shawty Lo: hip-hop musician (D4L)

 Shimon Peres: Israeli statesman, President (2007–2014) Prime Minister (1977, 1984–1986, 1995–1996), Nobel Laureate (1994)

 Sir Christopher Lee: actor voice artist and singer (Dracula, The Lord of the Rings, Star Wars)

 Sir George Martin: Hall of Fame record producer (The Beatles), composer, arranger and engineer, six-time Grammy Award winner

 Sir Peter Shaffer: playwright (Amadeus, Equus, Black Comedy) and screenwriter, Tony (1975, 1981) and Oscar winner (1985)

 Sir Terry Pratchett: author (Discworld)

 Sir Terry Wogan: broadcaster (BBC)

 Solomon W. Golomb: mathematician and engineer

 Steve Mokone: footballer (Heracles Almelo)

 Steven Hill: actor (Mission: Impossible, Law & Order, The Firm)

 Stuart Scott: sports journalist (SportsCenter)

 Sylvia Anderson: television producer and voice actress (Thunderbirds)

 Tariq Aziz: politician Foreign Minister of Iraq (1983–1991)

 Ted Marchibroda: football player (Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Cardinals) and coach (Baltimore Colts, Baltimore Ravens)

 Thanh Tùng: songwriter

 The Lady Chablis: actress (Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil)

 Thomas W. Libous: politician member of the New York State Senate (1989–2015)

 Tim LaHaye: Christian author (Left Behind)

 Tony Barrow: press officer (The Beatles)

 Toots Thielemans: jazz guitarist, whistler and harmonica player (Man Bites Harmonica!)

 Umberto Eco: philosopher and novelist (The Name of the Rose, Foucault's Pendulum, Numero Zero)

 Val Logsdon Fitch: Nobel Prize-winning physicist (1980)

 Vilmos Zsigmond: cinematographer (Close Encounters of the Third Kind, The Deer Hunter, The Black Dahlia), Oscar winner (1978)

 Walter Schuck: WWII fighter ace

 Wayne Dyer: self-help author and motivational speaker

 Wes Craven: film director writer and producer (A Nightmare on Elm Street, Scream, The Hills Have Eyes)

 Will Smith: football player (New Orleans Saints), Super Bowl champion (2010)

 William E. Boeing Jr.: businessman

 William Schallert: actor (The Patty Duke Show, The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis, In the Heat of the Night), President of SAG (1979–1981)

 Yogi Berra: Hall of Fame baseball player and manager (New York Yankees, New York Mets), member of 13 World Series championship teams

 Zhang Zhen: general

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