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In Memoriam

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

In this quiz, we remember some of the notable people who died in 2023.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the others may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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QUESTIONS

1. This trailblazing civil rights activist, actor, and singer popularized Calypso music with international audiences in the 1950s and 1960s, with recordings such as "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Shake, Senora."
2. This controversial four-time prime minister of Italy died in June at age 86.
3. Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger died in January at the age of 95. By what name was he better known?
4. All three major television networks (ABC, CBS, and NBC) paid a minute of tribute at the same time to this pioneering creator of sitcoms such as *All in the Family*, *Maude*, and *The Jeffersons*.
5. Loved by many as Chandler Bing on the TV show *Friends*, this actor died in October at the age of 54.
6. Known by many as the "Queen of Rock and Roll," this singer's hit songs included "Proud Mary," "What's Love Got to Do With It?," and "Simply the Best." She died in May at age 83.
7. This singer-songwriter, whose fans were dubbed "parrotheads" and who turned the beach bum life into an empire, died in early September at age 76.
8. First Lady Rosalynn Carter died at the age of 96. Can you name the town where she and her husband Jimmy grew up?
9. In his 75-year-long career, this jazz and traditional pop singer, who "left his heart in San Francisco," won 20 Grammy awards, including a Lifetime Achievement award; is a Kennedy Center Honoree; received honorary doctorates from multiple universities; has a star of the Hollywood Walk of Fame; received a Humanitarian Award from the United Nations; and left a legacy of more than 50 million records sold worldwide. He died in July at the age of 96.
10. The multi-talented actor and comedian Paul Reubens died at age 70 after a private six-year battle with cancer. What was the name of the comic character Reubens created and portrayed?
11. This long-time host of *The Price is Right* died at the age of 99.
12. Can you name the controversial Irish singer, famous for having ripped up a picture of the Pope on *Saturday Night Live*, who died last year at the age of 56?
13. He served a term as mayor of Cincinnati before he moved to television as a tabloid talk show host.
14. This Grammy, Oscar, and Tony award-winning composer died at age 94. He wrote 39

chart-topping songs, including “Don’t Make Me Over,” “Walk On By,” and “Do You Know the Way to San Jose?”) for Dionne Warwick.

15. Folk rock music legend David Crosby died at the age of 81 after a long illness. His name is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for his association with two influential bands. Can you name one or both of them?
16. What was the real name of the so-called Unabomber, who died of natural causes at the age of 81 in his North Carolina federal prison cell?
17. Born in Bavaria, this former Secretary of State under Richard Nixon fled Germany at the age of 15 with his family to escape Nazi persecution. He was officially “stateless” until 1943, when he became an American citizen. He died in November at the age of 100.
18. This first woman to serve as a US Supreme Court Justice (appointed by President Ronald Reagan) died in December at the age of 93.
19. This former governor of New Mexico, US ambassador to the United Nations, and energy secretary in the Clinton administration died in his summer home on Cape Cod at age 75.
20. This actor, who began his career in MGM’s *Our Gang* short film series and is perhaps best known for playing an unorthodox police detective in TV’s *Baretta*, died at age 89.
21. This actor burst on the scene in the nighttime soap opera *Peyton Place*. He later found success on the big screen in the romantic drama *Love Story*. He was also well known as Tatum’s father and Farrah Fawcett’s partner for nearly 30 years.
22. This actress, made famous by her role on the 1970’s TV show *Three’s Company*, died in October. She is also remembered for developing and promoting the Thighmaster, an upper leg exercise technology.
23. Actress Cindy Williams died at age 75. What was her best most well known television role?
24. This actress and former Hollywood sex symbol, who starred in *One Million Years B.C.* (1966) and *Myra Breckenridge* (1970), died in February at age 82.

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ANSWERS

1. Harry Belafonte
2. Silvio Berlusconi
3. Pope Benedict
4. Norman Lear
5. Matthew Perry
6. Tina Turner
7. Jimmy Buffet
8. Plains, Georgia
9. Tony Bennett
10. Pee-wee Herman
11. Bob Barker
12. Sinéad O'Connor
13. Jerry Springer
14. Burt Bacharach
15. The Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
16. Ted Kaczynski
17. Henry Kissinger
18. Sandra Day O'Connor
19. Bill Richardson
20. Robert Blake
21. Ryan O'Neal
22. Suzanne Sommers
23. Williams played Shirley Feeney, along with Penny Marshall playing Laverne DeFazio, in the hit sitcom *Laverne and Shirley*, which ran from the mid-'70s to the early '80s.
24. Raquel Welch