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2025 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 2025.

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. President Jimmy Carter was laid to rest in January. Who delivered the eulogy at his official state funeral in the Washington National Cathedral?
2. Peter Yarrow died at age 86. What popular 1960's folk music trio was he a member of?
3. Pope Francis died last year at age 88. Can you name his successor and where he is from?.
4. This singer, who was a spokesperson for orange juice in the 1970's, and a Christian anti-gay crusader, died at age 84.
5. David Lynch, the avant-garde filmmaker, died at age 78. Although he mostly made films for the big screen, he also created this groundbreaking television series (1990-91) that was set in a Pacific Northwest town and followed FBI Special Agent Dale Cooper as he investigated the murder of local teenager Laura Palmer.
6. This Grammy-winning singer, whose blockbuster 1970's songs include "Killing Me Softly" and "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," died at age 88.
7. This heavyweight boxing – and grilling – champion died at the age of 76.
8. This early 1960's heartthrob actor, who starred as the title character in the TV series *Dr. Kildare*, died at the age of 90.
9. This retired Supreme Court Justice, the New Hampshire Republican, who surprisingly became a darling of liberals during his nearly 20 years on the bench, died in May at age 85.
10. The actor George Wendt died at age 76. In what popular television sitcom did he costar? And for extra kudos, what was his character's name?
11. This actress, who played Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan on TV's *M*A*S*H* throughout its entire eleven-year run, died at age 87.
12. This singer-songwriter, who helped invent the California sound of the 1960's, and later went on to create complex harmonies and intricate soundscapes in songs such as "Good Vibrations" and "God Only Knows," died at age 82.
13. This British author of novels including *The Day of the Jackal*, *The Odessa File*, and *The Dogs of War* died at age 86 after a brief illness.

14. This former Baptist minister, speech writer, and close aide to President Lyndon Johnson, who for the last 50 years of his long life was a leading television journalist, died in New York at age 91.
15. This charismatic televangelist, who was ousted by his global Pentecostal church (the Assemblies of God) in 1988 over encounters he had with prostitutes, died in July at age 90.
16. Malcolm-Jamal Warner, the actor who played this character on *The Cosby Show* from 1984 to 1992, died in an accidental drowning at age 54.
17. As the lead singer of the band Black Sabbath, this British musician helped create the heavy metal music genre. And while many people might primarily remember him for biting the head off a bat while he was on stage, he may also be widely remembered as the somewhat befuddled patriarch of his family in an MTV reality show.
18. Jim Lovell, who was commander of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission in 1970, died at the age of 97. Who portrayed Lovell in the 1995 blockbuster film *Apollo 13*?
19. This Italian fashion icon, master of the power suit for women in the 1990's, and whose alliance with movie stars made his name synonymous with red carpet dressing, died at age 91.
20. A Hollywood giant died last year at the age of 89. Can you name him, as well as the globally influential film festival and institute he founded in the 1980's?
21. Conservationist Jane Goodall died at age 91. Throughout her life, she revolutionized our understanding of which African animal?
22. This versatile actress won an Academy Award for Best Actress for the title role in Woody Allen's 1977 film *Annie Hall*. She died in California at age 79.
23. This legendary British playwright, who penned *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *The Real Thing*, and the screenplays for *Empire of the Sun* and *Shakespeare in Love*, died at age 88.
24. June Lockhart died at age 100. Can you name one of the three popular television shows she starred in (as a regular cast member) from the 1950's to the 1980's?
25. The 46th US vice president died in November at age 84. Can you name him and the state he was from?
26. Nobel Prize winner James Watson died at age 97 in a Long Island, NY hospice. What was Watson's groundbreaking discovery?

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ANSWERS

1. President Joe Biden
2. Peter, Paul, and Mary
3. Pope Leo XIV succeeded Pope Francis. He was born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago.
4. Anita Bryant
5. *Twin Peaks*. Lynch, a heavy smoker for most of his life, died of emphysema.
6. Roberta Flack
7. George Foreman
8. Richard Chamberlain
9. David Souter
10. Wendt was in *Cheers* for its entire run (1982-1993). He played Norm Peterson, whose entrance each week was greeted by his fellow barflies with an enthusiastic call of "Norm!"
11. Loretta Swit
12. Brian Wilson
13. Frederick Forsyth
14. Bill Moyers
15. Jimmy Swaggart
16. Theo Huxtable
17. Ozzy Osbourne. (The series was called *The Osbournes*.)
18. Tom Hanks
19. Giorgio Armani
20. Robert Redford. The Sundance Film Festival, named after his iconic role in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, is located near Park City, Utah.
21. Chimpanzees
22. Diane Keaton
23. Tom Stoppard
24. *Lassie*, *Lost in Space*, and *Petticoat Junction*
25. Dick Cheney from Wyoming
26. In 1953, Watson co-discovered (with his colleague, British geneticist Francis Crick) the structure of DNA, the blueprint for all life.