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# In Memoriam

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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 2022.

## 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 actor, film director, activist and diplomat grew up in the Bahamas, and died in Beverly Hills at the age of 94. His list of award-winning films includes *Lilies of the Field*, *A Patch of Blue*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, and *To Sir, With Love*.
2. This American diplomat and political scientist, who was the first woman to serve as US Secretary of State, died at age 84. Her funeral was attended by President Joe Biden, former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, and former secretaries of state Hillary Clinton and Condoleeza Rice.
3. Some of the notable films starring this 71-year-old actor, who died of metastatic prostate cancer this past year, include *Children of a Lesser God*, *Broadcast News*, and *The Big Chill*.
4. His screen debut was in the 1963 movie *Irma La Douce*. He earned a Best Supporting Actor Oscar nomination for his role as Sonny Corleone in *The Godfather*, and was unforgettable as an author held captive by an obsessive fan played by Kathy Bates in the 1990 film *Misery*.
5. Perhaps this entertainer's most famous role was playing Sandy opposite John Travolta's character Danny Zuko in the 1978 movie *Grease*. She later became an activist against breast cancer, the disease to which she ultimately succumbed on August 8, 2022, at the age of 73.
6. This last leader of Soviet Russia, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990, died at the age of 91 on August 30, 2022.
7. Queen Elizabeth II died in September 2022 at the age of 96. What year did she ascend to the throne to begin what would become the longest reign in the history of the British monarchy?
8. Great Balls of Fire! – this Rock and Roll pioneer died in October, 2022. His funeral was held in his boyhood hometown of Ferriday, Louisiana and was officiated by his cousin Jimmy Swaggart and Swaggart's son Donnie.
9. As the independent special counsel investigating the so-called Whitewater scandal, this Washington lawyer unearthed a relationship between the

- President of the United States and a White House intern which played a pivotal role in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton.
10. This pioneering journalist, one of the first Black anchors in TV news, was named CNN's chief anchor when the network launched in 1981. Ten years later, he notably covered the start of the Gulf War from his post in Baghdad. He died in September at age 82.
  11. Some of the best known books by this two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning historian include *The Path Between the Seas* (on the history of the Panama Canal) and the presidential biographies *Truman* and *John Adams*.
  12. This actor, who played Wally Cleaver in the iconic sitcom *Leave it to Beaver* from 1957 to 1963, died at age 77.
  13. Japan's longest-serving prime minister (2006-2007 and 2012-2020) was assassinated in July of 2022 in a shocking act by a man with a homemade gun.
  14. Best known for his 67 seasons calling games for Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, beginning in 1950 (when the franchise was located in Brooklyn) and ending in 2016, this famed announcer died at the age of 94.
  15. Originally a standup comic, he found fame playing the single father of three girls in the TV sitcom *Full House*.
  16. This actress, who played Rebecca Howe on *Cheers* for six years, died of cancer at age 71 in December.
  17. Widely considered to be one of the greatest basketball players of all time, this 6' 10" center for the Boston Celtics (1956-1969) was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in 2011.
  18. In a career that spanned six decades, some of her best-known hit songs include "You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)", "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)", and her signature song, "Coal Miner's Daughter."

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## ANSWERS

1. Sidney Poitier
2. Madeleine Albright
3. William Hurt
4. James Caan
5. Dame Olivia Newton-John
6. Mikhail Gorbachev
7. 1952
8. Jerry Lee Lewis
9. Ken Starr
10. Bernard Shaw
11. David McCullough
12. Tony Dow
13. Shinzo Abe
14. Vin Scully
15. Bob Saget
16. Kirstie Alley
17. Bill Russell
18. Loretta Lynn