



Beloved 'General Hospital' Star Leslie Charleson Passes at 79

Description

Soap opera luminary Leslie Charleson, renowned for her portrayal of Monica Quartermaine on "General Hospital," passed away on Sunday morning after a protracted illness, at the age of 79.

"I am profoundly saddened to announce the passing of my cherished friend and colleague, Leslie Charleson," remarked Frank Valentini, executive producer of "General Hospital." "Her remarkable legacy has spanned nearly five decades on the show, and just as Monica was the cornerstone of the Quartermaine family, Leslie was an esteemed matriarch among the entire cast and crew. I will dearly miss our daily conversations, her sharp wit, and her larger-than-life presence on set. My heartfelt condolences go out to her family and loved ones during this challenging time."

Charleson, who became a fixture on the soap opera in 1977, faced several health challenges in recent years that limited her appearances on the ABC series, with her last on-screen presence in December 2023. Despite experiencing a series of falls that impaired her mobility, requiring the use of a walker, her indomitable spirit never waned. Last week, she was hospitalized following a particularly severe fall.

Born in Kansas City, Charleson embarked on her illustrious career in daytime television in 1964 at the tender age of 19, debuting in the short-lived ABC soap "A Flame in the Wind." She later captivated audiences in CBS's "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" as the formidable Iris Donnelly Garrison, entangled in a love triangle. Through the 1970s, Charleson made guest appearances on numerous iconic primetime shows, including "The Rockford Files" and "Happy Days," where she shared a memorable scene with Ron Howard, marking a notable moment in his early career.

In her 40-plus year tenure on "General Hospital," Charleson's character navigated one of daytime television's most celebrated love triangles and endured harrowing personal tragedies, including a battle with breast cancer and the loss of three children. She received four Daytime Emmy nominations for Outstanding Lead Actress, a testament to her profound impact on the soap opera genre.

Known for her kindness, fun-loving spirit, and unwavering loyalty, she forged deep connections not only with her colleagues but also with the show's dedicated fan base, to whom she offered her heartfelt affection. As we remember Leslie Charleson, it is clear that her legacy will resonate in the hearts of many, and she will be dearly missed.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Luminary** /'lu:.mi.ner.i/ (noun): A person who inspires or influences others especially in a particular field.
2. **Protracted** /prə'træktɪd/ (adjective): Lasting for a long time or longer than expected.
3. **Indomitable** /ɪn'dɒmɪtəbl/ (adjective): Impossible to subdue or defeat.
4. **Esteemed** /ɪ'sti:md/ (adjective): Regarded with respect and admiration.



5. **Captivated** /'kæp.tɪ.veɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Attracted and held the attention of someone.
6. **Legacy** /'lɛɡəsi/ (noun): Something handed down by a predecessor.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a synonym for the word "cherished"?
 - Option: Admired
 - Option: Destroyed
 - Option: Acquired
 - Option: Detached
2. What is the meaning of the term "defamation"?
 - Option: Praise
 - Option: Slander
 - Option: Protection
 - Option: Honor
3. What does the term "legacy" refer to?
 - Option: Future
 - Option: Inheritance
 - Option: Rejection
 - Option: Progress
4. Which word best describes something that is "enduring"?
 - Option: Temporary
 - Option: Lasting
 - Option: Fleeting
 - Option: Transient
5. What does the term "protracted" mean?
 - Option: Shortened
 - Option: Prolonged
 - Option: Delayed
 - Option: Halted
6. What is the definition of "collusion"?
 - Option: Secret cooperation for illegal or deceitful purposes
 - Option: Public agreement for common good
 - Option: Friendly competition



Option: Neutral interaction

7. How would you describe something that is "ominous"?

- Option: Joyful
- Option: Threatening
- Option: Loud
- Option: Bright

8. What does the term "speculation" refer to?

- Option: Factual information
- Option: Investigation
- Option: Conjecture
- Option: Certainty

9. In the context of health what is meant by "recovery"?

- Option: Relapse
- Option: Healing
- Option: Decline
- Option: Breakdown

10. Which word is a synonym for "anticipate"?

- Option: Forget
- Option: Expect
- Option: Avoid
- Option: Delay

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Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. A mysterious glow _____ from the enchanted object.
- 12. The artist's work was widely _____ by critics and audiences alike.
- 13. The patient experienced a temporary _____ of the symptoms after the treatment.
- 14. The false _____ led to a series of misunderstandings and conflicts.
- 15. The doctor performed a thorough examination to reach an accurate _____.
- 16. The _____ design of the lace highlighted the craftsmanship of the artisan.
- 17. The media reported on the serious _____ made against the public figure.



18. He dressed in a _____ style for the relaxed afternoon gathering.
19. Understanding the social _____ within the group was crucial for effective teamwork.
20. The program focused on the successful _____ of the refugees into society.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The legal process involving a lawsuit and court proceedings.
22. The act of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.
23. Expressing strong agreement or confirmation.
24. Unable to be subdued or defeated.
25. A person who inspires or influences others especially in a particular field.
26. The intricate or complicated aspects of a situation or problem.
27. Highly praised or recognized for excellence.
28. Involving or characterized by retaliation or revenge.
29. Held in high regard or great respect.
30. Fascinated or enchanted by something or someone.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Admired 2. Slander 3. Inheritance 4. Lasting 5. Prolonged 6. Secret cooperation for illegal or deceitful purposes 7. Threatening 8. Conjecture 9. Healing 10. Expect

Gap-Fill: 11. emanated 12. acclaimed 13. remission 14. accusation 15. diagnosis 16. intricate 17. allegation 18. casual 19. dynamics 20. reintegration

Matching sentence: 1. litigation 2. deceit 3. affirming 4. indomitable 5. luminary 6. complexities 7. acclaimed 8. retaliatory 9. esteemed 10. captivated

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