



Mariska Hargitay Uncovers Biological Father's Identity: 'I Lived a Lie'

Description

Mariska Hargitay has revealed a profound family secret regarding the identity of her biological father. The actress, known for her role on *Law & Order: SVU*, previously believed that her father was Mickey Hargitay, a Hungarian bodybuilding champion and actor who wed her mother, the late Jayne Mansfield, in 1956.

Hargitay's life took a tragic turn at the age of three when she and her mother were involved in a fatal car accident that claimed Mansfield's life. Following this, Mickey raised their three children, earning Mariska's unwavering admiration. In an interview with *Vanity Fair*, she reflected on this relationship, stating, "He was my everything, my idol. He loved me profoundly, and I felt that love deeply."

As time passed, Mariska sensed a disconnection between herself and her siblings—Jayne Marie, Zoltan, and Mickey Jr. This feeling intensified in her twenties when she came across a photograph of Nelson Sardelli, an Italian entertainer with whom Mansfield briefly dated after filing for divorce from Mickey in the early 1960s. Mariska intuitively concluded that Sardelli was her biological father. Despite her inquiries, Mickey dismissed her suspicions, leading to years of silence on the subject.

At the age of 30, Mariska sought out Sardelli in Atlantic City, introducing herself shortly before he expressed his long-held anticipation for their meeting. Recalling the encounter, she remarked, "I went full Olivia Benson on him," emphasizing her loyalty to Mickey, who passed away in 2006.

In time, Mariska fostered a meaningful relationship with Sardelli and his daughters, ultimately realizing that her mother's decision to reconcile with Mickey stemmed from a desire to provide stability for her. "I grew up where I was supposed to, and I know that everyone made the best choice for me," she affirmed. "I am Mickey Hargitay's daughter—that is not a lie."

This newfound understanding is also explored in her documentary *My Mom Jayne*, which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival and will debut on HBO on June 27.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Profound** /prə'faʊnd/ (adjective): Having or showing great knowledge or insight.
2. **Fatal** /'feɪ.tl/ (adjective): Resulting in death; causing death.
3. **Disconnection** /,dɪs.kə'nek.jən/ (noun): A lack of connection or relationship.
4. **Intuitively** /ɪn'tjuː.ɪ.tɪv.li/ (adverb): In a way that is based on feelings rather than facts or proof.
5. **Anticipation** /æn,tɪs.ɪ'peɪ.jən/ (noun): The action of anticipating something; expectation or prediction.
6. **Stability** /stə'bɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state of being stable consistent or secure.



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term describes what a person leaves behind or is remembered for?
Option: Affable
Option: Legacy
Option: Prolific
Option: Fatal
2. What is the term for the quality of being stable and not easily changed?
Option: Convicted
Option: Stability
Option: Investigative
Option: Harassment
3. What term describes unacceptable or improper behavior especially by professionals?
Option: Negligence
Option: Submission
Option: Misconduct
Option: Hostile
4. Which term means having deep insight or understanding?
Option: Anticipation
Option: Profound
Option: Disconnection
Option: Plaintiffs
5. What word describes a state of being happy and satisfied?
Option: Accountable
Option: Contented
Option: Submission
Option: Contend
6. What term means publicly praised or celebrated?
Option: Reception
Option: Prospects
Option: Acclaimed
Option: Strategic
7. Which term means leading to disaster or death?



- Option: Assault
- Option: Fatal
- Option: Investigative
- Option: Convicted

8. What term describes someone who pays close attention and watches carefully?

- Option: Intuitively
- Option: Observant
- Option: Discharging
- Option: Harassment

9. What term means friendly good-natured or easy to talk to?

- Option: Allegations
- Option: Affable
- Option: Accountable
- Option: Submission

10. What term describes behavior that annoys or troubles someone repeatedly?

- Option: Hostile
- Option: Plaintiffs
- Option: Harassment
- Option: Negligence

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

11. A strong work ethic and dedication often contribute to leaving behind a lasting _____.
12. When you are quietly _____ you can learn a lot about the environment around you.
13. There is a noticeable _____ between what was promised and what was delivered.
14. The defendant was found guilty and _____ of the crime.
15. The accident occurred due to the driver's _____ in checking the brakes.
16. The team's _____ to the authority's decision ensured a smooth transition.
17. Despite facing challenges the team will _____ for the top position in the tournament.



18. The journalist's _____ report exposed corruption at the highest levels of government.
19. In a leadership role one must be transparent and _____ for their actions.
20. Developing a long-term plan requires careful and _____ thinking.

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

21. After years of writer's block the author finally completed three novels in a single year.
22. She made the decision not based on logic but on her gut feeling and instincts.
23. The excitement and nervousness before a big event are often filled with hopeful .
24. The soldier was praised for his bravery in his duties under extreme pressure.
25. The in the case presented compelling evidence to support their claims.
26. The negotiators feared that the response from the opposing party would derail the peace talks.
27. The media reported on the serious made against the public figure.
28. The team's of the proposal marked the beginning of a new collaboration.
29. The artist's work received a warm and enthusiastic from the audience.
30. Despite initial setbacks the company's future business look promising.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Legacy 2. Stability 3. Misconduct 4. Profound 5. Contented 6. Acclaimed 7. Fatal 8. Observant 9. Affable 10. Harassment

Gap-Fill: 11. legacy 12. observing 13. disconnection 14. convicted 15. negligence 16. submission 17. contend 18. investigative 19. accountable 20. strategic

Matching sentence: 1. prolific 2. intuitively 3. anticipation 4. discharging 5. plaintiffs 6. hostile 7. allegations 8. submission 9. reception 10. prospects

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