



Richard Lewis, comedian and 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' actor, dies at 76

Description

Comedian and actor Richard Lewis, best known for roles in HBO series 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' and the movie 'Robin Hood: Men in Tights', has died aged 76. His publicist, Jeff Abraham, announced that he died at home in Los Angeles after a heart attack. His wife, Joyce Lapinsky, thanked everyone for their love, friendship, and support, and requested respect for her privacy.

Lewis shared in public last year that he was battling Parkinson's disease. He had a unique, dark sense of humor which began in comedy clubs and later included performances on late-night shows like 'The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson' during the 70s and 80s.

Apart from his work on TV and the silver screen, Lewis starred in the ABC sitcom 'Anything but Love', a comedic love story featuring him and Jamie Lee Curtis as colleagues in a Chicago magazine office. On 'Curb Your Enthusiasm', he acted as a fictional version of himself in the 12th season, which is currently on air.

In movies, he is best known for playing Prince John in Mel Brooks' comedy film 'Robin Hood: Men in Tights'. He also starred with Nicolas Cage and Elisabeth Shue in the award-winning drama, 'Leaving Las Vegas'.

He decided to retire from stand-up comedy after nearly half a century, announcing his decision in April 2023 on X, previously known as Twitter. There, he also revealed his Parkinson's diagnosis, which was made about two years earlier.

In a recent interview with Vanity Fair, he shared how his disease forced him to reflect on life saying, "I've had such an amazing life. I'm a lucky man," and that he'd been grateful and accepting of his condition.

Lewis was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Englewood, New Jersey. He openly talked about his challenges with mental health and addiction in his comedy performances and writings, including his 2015 book 'Reflections From Hell: Richard Lewis' Guide on How Not to Live.'

'His co-star and close friend Larry David, who was born three days apart in the same hospital as Lewis, released a heartfelt statement. He referred to Lewis as the 'funniest and sweetest' person, like a brother to him, and humorously expressed his grief by saying, "But today he made me sob, and for that, I'll never forgive him."

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Publicist** // (noun): A person who promotes or represents a celebrity or organization to the public.
2. **Heart attack** // (noun): A sudden occurrence of a heart problem that often leads to serious health issues.
3. **Colleague** // (noun): A person with whom one works usually in the same organization.
4. **Diagnosis** // (noun): The identification of a disease or condition through examination and testing.
5. **Reflect** // (verb): To think deeply or carefully about something.
6. **Grief** // (noun): Intense sorrow or sadness especially when caused by someone's death.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What medical condition can result in the sudden death of an individual?

Option: Heart attack

Option: Alcoholism

Option: Parkinson disease

Option: Diagnosis

2. Who is a person who is elected or appointed to act on behalf of others in a public capacity?

Option: Publicist

Option: Colleague

Option: Public representative

Option: Celebrity

3. What is the appropriate expression of sympathy or sorrow shown to someone who has experienced a



loss?

- Option: Condolences
- Option: Tribute
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Mourning

4. Which term refers to a graphical representation of a chronological sequence of events?

- Option: Investigation
- Option: Speculation
- Option: Timeline
- Option: Reconciliation

5. What term is used to describe something that is difficult or impossible to explain or understand?

- Option: Untimely
- Option: Mysterious
- Option: Evidently
- Option: Reflect

6. What is physical harm or damage to the body caused by an external force?

- Option: Grief
- Option: Coroner
- Option: Diagnosis
- Option: Injury

7. What emergency vehicle is used to transport individuals in need of medical attention?

- Option: Director
- Option: Ambulance
- Option: Repost
- Option: Tribute

8. What is the state or condition of being free from public attention or observation?

- Option: Dispelling
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Condolence
- Option: Publicist

9. What is the forming of a theory without firm evidence?

- Option: Secrecy
- Option: Investigation
- Option: Speculation
- Option: Grief



10. What is the expression of deep sorrow for someone who has died?

- Option: Celebrity
- Option: Mourning
- Option: Repentance
- Option: Diagnosis

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

11. After the medical tests the doctor provided a _____ of the patient's condition.
12. The sudden and _____ death of the actor shocked his fans around the world.
13. After the disagreement the siblings met for a _____ to mend their relationship.
14. The _____ conducted an investigation to determine the cause of death.
15. The _____ of the film worked closely with the actors to bring the script to life.
16. The family was overcome with _____ after the loss of their beloved pet.
17. The celebrity hired a _____ to manage their public image and media relations.
18. The police launched an _____ to uncover the truth behind the mysterious disappearance.
19. Many fans gathered to pay _____ to the legendary musician at the memorial concert.
20. The artist's paintings often _____ his inner emotions and struggles.

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

21. The made headlines for their latest blockbuster movie.
22. He expressed his sincerest to the family of the deceased.
23. The elderly gentleman suffered a fatal while at home.
24. She collaborated with her on the research project to achieve success.



25. The project manager outlined a detailed for the completion of the task.
26. The house had a past that no one could fully explain.
27. Given the difficult she managed to succeed against all odds.
28. The new product launch received extensive through social media and press coverage.
29. The expert aimed to any doubts about the safety of the new technology.
30. The results of the experiment were clear and supported the hypothesis.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Heart attack 2. Public representative 3. Condolences 4. Timeline 5. Mysterious 6. Injury 7. Ambulance 8. Privacy 9. Speculation 10. Mourning

Gap-Fill: 11. diagnosis 12. untimely 13. reconciliation 14. coroner 15. director 16. grief 17. publicist 18. investigation 19. tribute 20. reflect

Matching sentence: 1. celebrity 2. condolence 3. heart attack 4. colleague 5. timeline 6. mysterious 7. circumstances 8. publicity 9. dispel 10. evidently

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