



Tragic Fire Claims 'Blues Brothers' Star at 95

Description

We mourn the passing of an esteemed actress and entertainer, Dalyce Curry, whose remarkable contributions graced the silver screen in iconic films such as the 1980 classic "The Blues Brothers." Tragically, the 95-year-old actress succumbed to the destructive forces of the Eaton Fire.

Curry, who also displayed her talent in esteemed works like "The Ten Commandments" and "Lady Sings the Blues," was discovered deceased in the remains of her home, irrevocably altered by the raging inferno. This information was confirmed by the LA County Medical Examiner's Office to her family shortly before 6 p.m. on Sunday, as reported by [ABC7 Los Angeles](#).

Curry tragically lost her life in the Eaton Fire, which ignited on January 7.

Affectionately known to her loved ones as Momma D, Curry was last seen on Tuesday when her granddaughter, Dalyce Kelley, dropped her off at her residence in Altadena, California, an area severely impacted by the fire. Kelley recounted that her grandmother appeared fatigued, having spent an exhausting day at a local hospital.

Unbeknownst to Kelley, the fire had ignited mere hours before her grandmother's return home, and she could not anticipate its rapid proliferation and catastrophic consequences.

Upon receiving alarming notifications that power had been disrupted at Curry's residence, Kelley rushed to ascertain her grandmother's safety. Alas, upon arrival, she was met with the grim news that Momma D's property had been entirely consumed by flames.

The family mourns, having confirmed the tragic loss of Curry after the coroner's announcement.
Courtesy of the family of Dalyce Curry

Desperate to locate her beloved grandmother, Kelley ventured to the Pasadena Civic Center, where evacuees sought refuge. Unfortunately, her search proved fruitless, and despair began to envelop her family as they faced the harrowing reality of their loss.

During a visit to the devastated site of her grandmother's home, escorted by the National Guard, Kelley lamented the overwhelming destruction, noting that the only remnant of her grandmother's life was her blue Cadillac. "It was total devastation," she recalled, poignantly reflecting on a life extinguished too soon.

Curry's legacy as a part of the storied tapestry of Old Black Hollywood endures, with her indelible imprint left on the cinematic landscape of the 1950s and beyond. Described as full of vitality, her spirited demeanor belied her years; she remained an active participant in life until her untimely demise.

In a heartfelt tribute shared on social media, Kelley expressed profound sorrow over the loss of her grandmother, stating, "We had a great run. She impacted my life in so many ways. This loss is devastating." The recent spate of fires in Los Angeles has claimed at least 24 lives, displacing nearly 200,000 individuals and ravaging 39,000 acres of land, casting a pall of grief over the community.



Vocabulary List:

1. **Esteemed** /ɪ'sti:md/ (adjective): Respected and admired.
2. **Succumbed** /sə'kʌmd/ (verb): To yield to a superior force or overwhelming appeal.
3. **Irrevocably** /ɪ'revəkəbli/ (adverb): In a way that cannot be changed reversed or recovered.
4. **Alarming** /ə'lɑ:rmɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing worry or fear.
5. **Devastated** /'dɛvə,steɪtɪd/ (adjective): Severely damaged or destroyed; shocked and overwhelmed.
6. **Vitality** /vaɪ'tæləti/ (noun): The state of being strong and active; energy.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which word means about to happen?
Option: Accolade
Option: Pontifical
Option: Imminent
Option: Succumbed
2. Which word means an award or privilege granted as a special honor?
Option: Esteemed
Option: Accolade
Option: Devastated
Option: Paramount
3. Which word means intense and passionate feeling?
Option: Fervor
Option: Vitality
Option: Devastation
Option: Irrevocably
4. Which word means to give in to pressure or defeat?
Option: Accumulate
Option: Nominee
Option: Succumbed
Option: Alarming
5. Which word means of chief importance or concern?



- Option: Extravagant
- Option: Ancillary
- Option: Paramount
- Option: Perilously

6. Which word means anxiety or fear that something bad will happen?

- Option: Apprehensions
- Option: Obiliterated
- Option: Conflagration
- Option: Substantial

7. Which word means destroyed or desolated?

- Option: Dynamic
- Option: Candidly
- Option: Psychological
- Option: Devastated

8. Which word means the state of being strong and active?

- Option: Esteemed
- Option: Vitality
- Option: Succumbed
- Option: Irrevocably

9. Which word means destroyed completely?

- Option: Alarming
- Option: Esteemed
- Option: Obliterated
- Option: Controversial

10. Which word means causing disagreement or argument?

- Option: Allege
- Option: Controversial
- Option: Elucidating
- Option: Displacing

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

11. Over time debt can _____ and become unmanageable.

12. The bishop wore elaborate and _____ robes for the ceremony.



13. Once a decision is made it is often _____ binding.
14. The rise in crime rates is quite _____ to the residents of the town.
15. The mountaineers ventured _____ close to the edge of the cliff.
16. The celebrity lived a(n) _____ lifestyle spending lavishly on luxury items.
17. After years of hard work she achieved a _____ increase in her salary.
18. The company offers a range of _____ services to complement their main products.
19. The professor gave an _____ explanation of the complex scientific theory.
20. The defendant continued to _____ innocence throughout the trial.

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

21. The actor was selected as the official candidate for the award.
22. The professor is highly regarded and respected in the academic community.
23. The massive fire engulfed the entire building within minutes.
24. The aftermath of the hurricane left a trail of destruction and despair.
25. The therapist focuses on the mental well-being and behavior of her patients.
26. His nervousness and fear of failure were evident before the performance.
27. The energetic leader brought new ideas and changes to the organization.
28. She spoke openly and honestly about her feelings on the matter.
29. The prestigious award was a recognition of his exceptional contributions.
30. The ancient ruins were completely wiped out by the catastrophic event.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Imminent 2. Accolade 3. Fervor 4. Succumbed 5. Paramount 6. Apprehensions 7. Devastated



8. Vitality 9. Obliterated 10. Controversial

Gap-Fill: 11. accumulate 12. pontifical 13. irrevocably 14. alarming 15. perilously 16. extravagant
17. substantial 18. ancillary 19. elucidating 20. allege

Matching sentence: 1. Nominee 2. Esteemed 3. Conflagration 4. Devastation 5. Psychological 6. Apprehension
7. Dynamic 8. Candidly 9. Accolade 10. Obliterated

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