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## Valerie Perrine, 'Lenny' and 'Superman' Actor, Dies Aged 82

### Description

Valerie Perrine passed away on Monday morning in Las Vegas. She was 82 years old. Perrine was a famous showgirl and actor. She is best known for her roles in the films "Lenny" and "Superman."

Her friend Stacey Souther confirmed her death. Souther said Perrine fought Parkinson's disease bravely. She did not complain and was an inspiration to many. Souther started a fundraising page to help with Perrine's funeral costs. Perrine wanted to be buried in Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Perrine was born on September 3, 1943, in Galveston, Texas. She moved a lot as a child due to her father's job in the army. She later went to the University of Arizona but left to become a dancer in Las Vegas.

Her acting career began by chance in Hollywood after a dinner party. She got her first role despite not having any acting experience. Perrine became famous for her roles in movies but stepped back from acting around 2010 due to her illness. She shared her story in the 2019 documentary "Valerie."

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **confirmed** //kən'fɜːmd// (verb): said that something is true or correct
2. **fundraising** //ˈfʌnd,reɪzɪŋ// (adjective): used to collect money for a purpose
3. **inspiration** //,ɪnspə'reɪʃən// (noun): person or thing that makes people feel hopeful
4. **documentary** //,dɒkjə'men.tər.i// (noun): a film that gives facts about real events
5. **career** //kə'riːr// (noun): the work a person does for a long time
6. **showgirl** //ˈʃoʊ,ɡɜːl// (noun): a female performer in big dance and stage shows

### Comprehension Questions

#### Multiple Choice

1. What age did Valerie Perrine pass away?

Option: 72

Option: 82

Option: 92

Option: 52



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2. Which film is Valerie Perrine best known for?

- Option: Lenny
- Option: Titanic
- Option: The Godfather
- Option: The Wizard of Oz

3. What disease did Valerie Perrine bravely fight?

- Option: Cancer
- Option: Alzheimer's
- Option: Parkinson's
- Option: Diabetes

4. Where did Valerie Perrine want to be buried?

- Option: Las Vegas
- Option: Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn Cemetery
- Option: New York
- Option: Galveston

5. Which university did Valerie Perrine attend?

- Option: University of Texas
- Option: University of California
- Option: University of Arizona
- Option: University of Florida

6. In which year was the documentary 'Valerie' released?

- Option: 2017
- Option: 2018
- Option: 2019
- Option: 2020

### True-False

7. Valerie Perrine was born in Galveston, Texas.

8. Valerie Perrine's career in acting started intentionally.

9. Stacey Souther is a relative of Valerie Perrine.



10. Valerie Perrine was a famous singer.
11. Valerie Perrine passed away at the age of 82.
12. Valerie Perrine did not fight her illness.

### Gap-Fill

13. Valerie Perrine was born on September 3, 1943, in \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Perrine was best known for her roles in the films "Lenny" and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. After her death, friends confirmed that she fought \_\_\_\_\_ disease bravely.
16. Perrine wanted to be buried in Hollywood Hills \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery.
17. She went to the University of \_\_\_\_\_ but left to become a dancer.
18. Her acting career began by chance in \_\_\_\_\_ after a dinner party.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 82 2. Lenny 3. Parkinson's 4. Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn Cemetery 5. University of Arizona 6. 2019

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Galveston, Texas 14. Superman 15. Parkinson's 16. Forest Lawn 17. Arizona 18. Hollywood

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the primary focus of many environmental organizations?  
Option: Conservation  
Option: Entertainment  
Option: Competition  
Option: Fundraising
2. Which organisms play a crucial role in the ecosystem by facilitating plant reproduction?



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- Option: Pollinators  
Option: Carnivores  
Option: Herbivores  
Option: Decomposers
3. What type of event is often held to showcase artistic works?  
Option: Exhibition  
Option: Competition  
Option: Conference  
Option: Fundraiser
4. What activity is aimed at gathering financial support for a particular cause?  
Option: Fundraising  
Option: Planting  
Option: Investigating  
Option: Performing
5. What type of film provides a factual report on a particular subject?  
Option: Documentary  
Option: Drama  
Option: Comedy  
Option: Musical
6. What do individuals often seek to fuel their creativity and motivation?  
Option: Inspiration  
Option: Criticism  
Option: Competition  
Option: Opposition
7. Who represents an organization or group in public communications?  
Option: Spokesperson  
Option: Producer  
Option: Actor  
Option: Director
8. What term describes something that is not permanent?  
Option: Temporary  
Option: Permanent  
Option: Lasting  
Option: Enduring
9. Who are individuals or groups that oppose or contest something?  
Option: Opponents



- Option: Supporters
- Option: Advocates
- Option: Collaborators

10. What term refers to artistic presentations before an audience?

- Option: Performances
- Option: Rehearsals
- Option: Preparations
- Option: Trainings

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

- 11. There is increasing public \_\_\_\_\_ about the decline of pollinator populations.
- 12. She decided to pursue a \_\_\_\_\_ in the performing arts.
- 13. The recent changes in climate are affecting the environment \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. The organization aims to \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of conservation efforts.
- 15. The scientists \_\_\_\_\_ the findings through rigorous testing.
- 16. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who supported her project.
- 17. An \_\_\_\_\_ was launched to look into the allegations of misconduct.
- 18. The report detailed serious \_\_\_\_\_ made against the company.
- 19. The child was placed in temporary \_\_\_\_\_ while the situation was resolved.
- 20. The concert will take place at a new \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

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

21. The annual art exhibition attracted visitors from all over the city.
22. The showgirl dazzled the audience with her stunning performance in the musical.
23. The opponents of the project voiced their concerns at the town hall meeting.
24. Planting trees is essential for maintaining ecological balance in urban areas.



25. The changes in legislation could negatively impact small businesses.
26. The annual fundraising gala raised money for local charities and community programs.
27. Her successful career in television began with a small role in a popular series.
28. Many artists find inspiration in nature and everyday life.
29. The documentary provided a compelling look at the lives of endangered species.
30. The spokesperson announced the new initiative during the press conference.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Conservation 2. Pollinators 3. Exhibition 4. Fundraising 5. Documentary 6. Inspiration 7. Spokesperson 8. Temporary 9. Opponents 10. Performances

**Gap-Fill:** 11. concern 12. career 13. negatively 14. promote 15. confirmed 16. gratitude 17. investigation 18. allegations 19. custody 20. venue

**Matching sentence:** 1. exhibition 2. showgirl 3. opponents 4. planting 5. negatively 6. fundraising 7. career 8. inspiration 9. documentary 10. spokesperson

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