



Vincent Pastore, 'Sopranos' Star, Dies Aged 80

Description

Vincent Pastore, renowned for his role as Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bonpensiero in the television series "The Sopranos," has passed away at the age of 80, as confirmed by his manager to CBS News.

Robert Attermann, who represented Pastore for over three decades, expressed his sorrow, highlighting that while many will remember Pastore as "Big Pussy," he was much more than just that character to those who knew him personally.

Authorities reported that Pastore was found deceased in his Bronx home on Saturday afternoon, and there are no signs of foul play.

Pastore portrayed "Big Pussy" throughout all six seasons of "The Sopranos," which aired from 1999 to 2007. Even after his character was killed off in season two for being an FBI informant, Pastore made several guest appearances in later seasons.

Born in the Bronx on July 14, 1946, Pastore served in the Vietnam War before pursuing his degree in drama at Pace University. His film career included roles in notable films such as "Goodfellas" and "Carlito's Way." He also appeared in "The Jerky Boys: The Movie" and "Gotti."

In addition to his film work, Pastore featured in various TV shows, including "Celebrity Apprentice" and "Law & Order." Most recently, he was a series regular on "Gravesend" and guest-starred on "Yellowjackets."

In 2000, Pastore and his "Sopranos" castmates won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series. Attermann concluded his tribute, noting Pastore's passion for acting and his generous support of younger actors.

Vocabulary List:

1. **renowned** //rɪˈnaʊnd// (adjective): known and respected by many people
2. **confirmed** //kənˈfɜːmd// (verb): said something is true or certain
3. **deceased** //dɪˈsiːst// (adjective): not living anymore; someone has died
4. **authorities** //əˈθɔːrətɪz// (noun): people or groups with official power
5. **portrayed** //pɔːrˈtreɪd// (verb): acted as a character in a show or film
6. **tribute** //ˈtrɪbjʊːt// (noun): a speech or action showing respect or praise

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What character did Vincent Pastore portray in 'The Sopranos'?
 - Option: Tony Soprano
 - Option: Big Pussy
 - Option: Paulie Walnuts
 - Option: Silvio Dante

2. In what year did 'The Sopranos' first air?
 - Option: 1995
 - Option: 1999
 - Option: 2001
 - Option: 2007

3. Who represented Vincent Pastore for over three decades?
 - Option: David Chase
 - Option: Robert Attermann
 - Option: James Gandolfini
 - Option: Martin Scorsese

4. In what home was Vincent Pastore found deceased?
 - Option: Manhattan
 - Option: Bronx
 - Option: Brooklyn
 - Option: Queens

5. What was the cause of Vincent Pastore's death according to authorities?
 - Option: Accident
 - Option: Foul play
 - Option: Natural causes
 - Option: Unknown

6. Which award did Pastore and his castmates win in 2000?
 - Option: Emmy Award
 - Option: Academy Award
 - Option: Screen Actors Guild Award
 - Option: Golden Globe



True-False

7. Vincent Pastore was 80 years old when he passed away.
8. Pastore served in the Korean War before his acting career.
9. Pastore's character was killed off in season one of 'The Sopranos.'
10. Robert Attermann was Pastore's manager for over thirty years.
11. Vincent Pastore made guest appearances after his character's death.
12. 'The Sopranos' aired its final episode in 2007.

Gap-Fill

13. Vincent Pastore was born on July 14, _____.
14. Pastore played 'Big Pussy' throughout all six seasons of 'The _____.'
15. Pastore featured in various TV shows, including 'Law & _____.'
16. Vincent Pastore served in the _____ War.
17. Pastore made several guest appearances in later seasons after his character was _____ off.
18. In 2000, Pastore won an award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a _____ Series.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Big Pussy 2. 1999 3. Robert Attermann 4. Bronx 5. Natural causes 6. Screen Actors Guild Award

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

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