



Vincent Pastore, Star of "The Sopranos," Dies at 80

Description

Vincent Pastore, famed for his role in the television series "The Sopranos," has died at the age of 80, confirmed his manager to CBS News. Robert Attermann, who represented Pastore for over 30 years, described him as unforgettable, noting his character, "Big Pussy," but also highlighting his greater personal qualities.

Authorities reported that Pastore was found dead in his Bronx home on Saturday afternoon, and there appeared to be no signs of foul play. His portrayal of Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bonpensiero spanned all six seasons of "The Sopranos," which aired from 1999 to 2007. Although his character was killed off in the second season after being revealed as an FBI informant, Pastore made several guest appearances in later episodes.

Born in the Bronx on July 14, 1946, Pastore served in the Vietnam War before earning a drama degree from Pace University. His early acting career included roles in films like "Goodfellas," "Carlito's Way," and "Men of Respect," as well as later projects such as "The Jerky Boys: The Movie" and "Gotti."

Pastore's television credits featured popular shows such as "Law & Order," "Blue Bloods," and most recently in 2022, he had a regular role in "Gravesend." He won a Screen Actors Guild Award with his "Sopranos" co-stars in 2000 for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble. His manager expressed deep personal loss, recalling Pastore's passion for acting and his supportive nature towards younger actors.

Vocabulary List:

1. **famed** //feɪmd// (adjective): well known by many people for something
2. **confirmed** //kən'fɜːmd// (verb): said something is true or correct
3. **authorities** //ə'θɔːrətiz// (noun): people in charge of public safety or law
4. **portrayal** //pɔː'treɪəl// (noun): how someone or something is shown or described
5. **informant** //ɪn'fɔːrmənt// (noun): a person who gives secret information to police
6. **ensemble** //ən'sambəl// (noun): a group of performers who act or sing together

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What was Vincent Pastore's character in 'The Sopranos'?
 - Option: Salvatore Bonpensiero
 - Option: Tony Soprano
 - Option: Christopher Moltisanti
 - Option: Carmela Soprano

2. In which year did 'The Sopranos' first air?
 - Option: 1997
 - Option: 1999
 - Option: 2001
 - Option: 2003

3. How old was Vincent Pastore when he passed away?
 - Option: 75
 - Option: 80
 - Option: 85
 - Option: 90

4. Which war did Vincent Pastore serve in?
 - Option: World War II
 - Option: Vietnam War
 - Option: Gulf War
 - Option: Korean War

5. Who represented Vincent Pastore for over 30 years?
 - Option: Robert Attermann
 - Option: James Gandolfini
 - Option: David Chase
 - Option: Steve Buscemi

6. In which series did Vincent Pastore have a regular role in 2022?
 - Option: Law & Order
 - Option: Blue Bloods
 - Option: Gravesend
 - Option: The Jerky Boys



True-False

- 7. Vincent Pastore died at the age of 75.
- 8. Pastore's character in 'The Sopranos' was killed off in the first season.
- 9. He received a Screen Actors Guild Award in 2000.
- 10. Vincent Pastore was born in Manhattan.
- 11. His manager described him as unforgettable.
- 12. Pastore had a role in the movie 'Goodfellas.'

Gap-Fill

- 13. Vincent Pastore served in the Vietnam War before earning a drama degree from _____ University.
- 14. Pastore's portrayal of Salvatore 'Big Pussy' Bonpensiero spanned all _____ seasons of 'The Sopranos.'
- 15. He was found dead in his _____ home on Saturday afternoon.
- 16. Pastore made several guest appearances in _____ episodes after his character was killed off.
- 17. His manager expressed deep personal loss, recalling Pastore's passion for _____ and his supportive nature.
- 18. Vincent Pastore's manager highlighted his character 'Big Pussy' but also his greater personal _____ qualities.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Salvatore Bonpensiero 2. 1999 3. 80 4. Vietnam War 5. Robert Attermann 6. Gravesend

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

Gap-Fill: 13. Pace 14. six 15. Bronx 16. later 17. acting 18. qualities

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