



'Will & Grace' Actor Dies Aged 60

Description

Corey Parker, an actor recognised for his roles in the television series *Will & Grace* and the film *Friday the 13th: A New Beginning*, has passed away at the age of 60. He died on Thursday in Memphis, Tennessee, after being diagnosed with cancer, although the specific type of cancer has not been disclosed.

Parker's friend, Risa Garcia, shared an emotional tribute, expressing her deep connection with him over 45 years. She reflected on their early days together in New York, highlighting his significant impact on her creative journey. She praised his talent, passion for acting, and dedication to teaching, stating that he enriched the lives of those around him. Garcia described him as a source of honesty and bravery in the arts.

Another friend, Noelle, also paid tribute, saying that Parker's legacy will live on in everyone he influenced. She extended her sympathies to Parker's family and all who were touched by his remarkable talent.

Parker was born on July 8, 1965, in New York City to actress Rochelle 'Rocky' Parker and John David Haas. He began his acting career at the age of four, performing in television commercials before attending New York's High School of Performing Arts.

He made his television debut in 1983 and became well-known for various roles, including a recurring character as Grace's boyfriend in *Will & Grace*. He also acted in slasher films, as well as in notable movies such as *9 1/2 Weeks* and *The Rainmaker*. In addition to acting, Parker worked as an instructor and contributed to productions like CMT's *Sun Records* and the Disney+ series *Ms. Marvel*.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Diagnosed** /'daɪəgnəʊzd/ (verb (past participle)): Identified by a doctor as having a particular illness or medical condition.
2. **Disclosed** /dɪs'kləʊzd/ (verb): Made information known or revealed (often something previously private).
3. **Tribute** /'trɪbjʊ:t/ (noun): A public expression of respect admiration or thanks given to someone especially after their death.
4. **Legacy** /'lɛɡəsi/ (noun): The lasting impact reputation or influence a person leaves behind after they die or after an event.
5. **Recurring** /rɪ'kɜːrɪŋ/ (adjective): Happening or appearing again repeatedly or at intervals (e.g. a character who appears in multiple episodes).
6. **Slasher** /'slæʃər/ (noun): A type of horror film characterized by violent attacks usually involving a killer who uses sharp weapons.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was Corey Parker's age at the time of his passing?
 - Option: 50
 - Option: 55
 - Option: 60
 - Option: 65
2. In which city did Corey Parker die?
 - Option: Los Angeles
 - Option: New York
 - Option: Memphis
 - Option: Nashville
3. Which television series featured Corey Parker as a recurring character?
 - Option: Friends
 - Option: Will & Grace
 - Option: The Office
 - Option: Frasier
4. Who shared an emotional tribute for Corey Parker?
 - Option: John
 - Option: Risa Garcia
 - Option: Noelle
 - Option: Rochelle
5. What was the title of the film in which Corey Parker starred?
 - Option: Friday the 13th: A New Beginning
 - Option: 9 1/2 Weeks
 - Option: The Rainmaker
 - Option: All of the above
6. At what age did Corey Parker begin his acting career?
 - Option: 2



- Option: 4
- Option: 6
- Option: 10

True-False

- 7. Corey Parker's specific type of cancer was disclosed.
- 8. Risa Garcia knew Corey Parker for 30 years.
- 9. Corey Parker contributed to productions like CMT's Sun Records.
- 10. Corey Parker was born in Los Angeles.
- 11. Noelle expressed her condolences to Corey Parker's family.
- 12. Corey Parker made his television debut in 1985.

Gap-Fill

- 13. Corey Parker was born on July 8, _____ in New York City.
- 14. Parker was known for his role in the film _____ the 13th: A New Beginning.
- 15. He began his acting career at the age of _____ in television commercials.
- 16. Risa Garcia reflected on their early days together in _____ .
- 17. Corey Parker's legacy will live on in everyone he _____ .
- 18. He attended New York's High School of _____ Arts.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 60 2. Memphis 3. Will & Grace 4. Risa Garcia 5. All of the above 6. 4

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 1965 14. Friday 15. four 16. New York 17. influenced 18. Performing



Answer

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