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The Life of George Harrison

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Can you believe it? With the death of George Harrison on Thursday, November 29, 2001, half of the Fab 4 are gone forever. John Lennon in December of 1982 and now George Harrison in November of 2001.

George Harrison was born in 1943 in Liverpool, England to a middle, working class family. His dad was a bus driver and his mom took care of George and his sister.

As a teenager, George did not particularly like school. The only thing that kept him in school was music. He took his music seriously and really looked forward to his music classes. George's desire was to become a recognized artist, but he could never imagine that at 17 years old he would be part of a band, which would change the world of music forever. Which is exactly what The Beatles later did do.

The birth of The Beatles began in 1960 when Paul McCartney asked his long-time friend and schoolmate George Harrison to come out to meet Peter Best, their drummer, and bandleader, John Lennon.

The band at that time were called The Silver Beatles.

The shy and reserved 17 year old Harrison's audition impressed band leader John Lennon so much that he invited George to join their band, The Silver Beatles. It was shortly after that, that Lennon also asked Ringo Starr, another Liverpool boy, to join the band, as their new drummer to replace Peter Best. Unfortunately, Peter Best, since then has passed away from a brain hemorrhage. With the new acquisitions of Harrison and Starr, Lennon was now in a position to make a name for himself and his band under the new name of The Beatles.

The Beatles in the 60's were really getting a name for themselves as a matter of fact 2 years before the Beatle invention erupted around the world. Word got to Brian Epstein, a record store owner, in Liverpool, England, that he should go see these boys and so he did.

Epstein was so impressed with the Fab 4 that he immediately offered the Beatles a contract for an undisclosed amount of money.

Epstein was now the band manager and within a short time, Epstein introduced John, Paul, George, and Ringo to George Martin a big time record producer in England, and the rest was history.

By 1964 the Beatles were becoming so well known throughout the world that they could not go anywhere without mobs of teenage girls screaming, chasing, and stocking the Fab 4. Especially, in the United States where the American girls were literally in love with the 4, long hair, English suit and beetle boot-wearing boys.

The girls in New York were actually going nuts over Beatle-mania. There were girls screaming and crying everywhere, inside and outside the airport, hotel, and Carnegie hall and at Shea stadium in New York where the Beatles were scheduled to perform.

All this madness because a small time promoter by the name of Sid Burnstein brought the Beatles to America and the rest was history.

It was in 1963 that Mr. Burnstein first contacted Brian Epstein, Beatles manager in England, to arrange an American tour. Epstein stated to Mr. Burnstein the Beatles are getting \$2000 a show, little did Epstein know that Burnstein was prepared to offer the Beatles \$6500 for 2 shows, both in New York, 1 at Carnegie hall

and the second show to be held at Shea stadium which accommodated 55000 seats.

Both shows sold out in a matter of minutes with thousands and thousands and thousands of screaming girls going crazy just the thought of breathing the same breath of the Beatles made the girls in New York City go crazy.

All of a sudden small time New York promoter Sid Burnstein became an over night success. When Mr. Burnstein was asked did the Beatles make you an over night millionaire, Burnstein replied, their 2 shows provided me with a comfortable living and help me put 6 kids threw university.



A TV reporter asked Mr. Burnstein what he thought about George Harrison's role with the Beatles, Burnstein stated George Harrison was an excellent musician, he was creative and filled up with god given talent, I felt George Harrison was not given enough credit for the work he created. He wrote and sang my "Sweet Lord" and "Here Comes the Sun" with many more beautiful songs he composed and produced on the Beatle albums.

As Larry King from CNN stated on his November 29, 2001 show that he did not realize that it was George Harrison who was playing the guitar licks on the song "All My Loving". King actually thought it was Paul McCartney playing the riffs. Harrison sure didn't get the recognition he should of. As Harrison stated on a TV news clipping that the lack of attention did not bother him. Little did world know that Harrison was himself erupting inside, with Lennon telling him how to play Lennon's notes as opposed to his, and Paul constantly telling George how to sing. As Brian Martin indicated a major Canadian television show seemed to point out without Harrison, the Beatles may of not became as famous as they were.

By the time George Harrison reached his 23rd birthday he and the rest of the Beatles were not only breaking record sales throughout the world, but they had more money then they could

count. By the time Harrison was 21 Harrison had become a multi millionaire, everything was falling into place, the record sales, the money was coming in and girls were there for the pickings. All this fame by age 21.

The Fab 4 were selling out concerts every where they appeared. The Beatles became huge success when 20 million fans watched them on the Ed Sullivan show. There were thousands and thousands of girls outside N.B.C. studio's trying to desperately get a glimpse of the Beatles. Meanwhile, inside the N.B.C studio the girls screaming was so loud that with the equipment the Beatles had they could not hear themselves play. The show made the Beatles an over night success. By 1964 the Beatles were a household name, even though parents back then thought the Beatles music was corrupting the teenagers, none the less the Fab 4 were so loved by their millions of fans the kids didn't care what the parents thought.

You could not stop the teenagers from buying their albums or concert tickets. The Beatles became that powerful.

Beatles records sold more albums then any other bands in the 7 years that the Beatles were together.

The Beatles by 1964 had become the most recognised band in the world. They were huge.

The Beatles had more number one hits then any other

Artists in the world. The Beatles sold more albums then Elvis and the stones put together while the Beatles were together. The Beatles life span lasted 7 years.

Still after 40 years Beatles radio stations throughout the world are playing songs every 2 and a half minutes.

Unfortunately, the Beatles broke up in 1967 however, did agree to finish the abbey road album before never being seen again on stage. The boys decided to break-up in 1969 where the boys all went their own way. George ended up marrying his co-star patty Harrison on the film set of abbey road production.

In 67 the boys finally had enough of one another. Especially George, which by this time had just about enough of Lennon's and McCartney's constant corrections to his music and voice. However, it was Harrison that naturally created most, if not the entire guitar licks.

A year later in 69 Paul McCartney left the Beatles. It seems it was over for the Beatles.

Despite the falling out Harrison and Lennon had in 1967, George was absolutely devastated when he learned that John Lennon was shot dead right in front of his own home in 1980. Lennon's death made Harrison go into hiding. It freaked George out so much that Harrison didn't not want to leave his English mansion for any reason. It took Harrison almost a year to break out from his shell.

All of a sudden Harrison's lifetime dream became his worst nightmare. The Beatles finally came to an end with Lennon's death. It seemed as Harrison's world was all but slowly coming to an end till he found himself by reading Indian religion. It took till 1987 for George to escape all the pain and bitterness to leave George's thoughts.

It was in that it year that George met his wife to be Olivia his second wife which he had a child with in 1987 and married 9 months later in 1988. George indicated to the press marrying Olivia has given me a whole new start to life.

Little did he know that in the years ahead he would not only develop a serious brain tumour but also have cancer of the lungs. Harrison was considered to be a chain smoker since his youth.

For a while things were looking up for the once to be Liverpool music junkie. It seemed George again had it all, the beautiful wife and child, along with a new band soon to come into his life.

In 1988 he not only joined the travelling willberry with band members Bob Dillon and Roy Orbison, but also went on to produce his own album call cloud 9.

The album didn't do bad but it never broke any records, just like his movie productions he did an excellent job on producing the picture but again it was not a box office hit. Although none of

his solo work never achieved award status George was having lots of fun.

The man did what he wanted to do, especially when one has as much wealth as Harrison had. It's been reported that Harrison's fortune is more than one hundred and fifty million dollars, not bad for a little Liverpool kid with no formal education, besides loving music, George Harrison taught himself how to play.

the talent and voice was naturally there. The success and fame was just waiting to burst. The fortune was just waiting in the woodworks. All he had to do is learn to play a guitar, which he did and then later picked up on the bass guitar. For others this would just be a dream come true, well for Harrison it became a reality back in the 60's.

unfortunately the 90's were not going to be good years for Mr. Harrison and his family.

Especially one day when he was doing some outside gardening on his estate, he discovered a lump on his neck. It was quickly removed and George was given a clean bill of health. Little did he know a few months later he would be attacked and stabbed by an intruder. If it would not of been for his wife Olivia, who ended up knocking out the intruder by smashing a lamp light on the intruders head, Harrison may have been dead.

Fortunately for George and Olivia, the police got to their estate before the intruder woke up. The intruder was arrested charged and convicted. George Harrison died from lung cancer on Thursday November 28, 2001 at age 58.

As stated by Paul McCartney, the world has lost a legend and I have lost a friend and will dearly be missed.

Closing remarks, the man will never ever be replaced, thanks for your music contribution to the world.

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