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Legendary Welsh Singer Bonnie Tyler

Passed away at the age of 75.

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USPA NEWS - A statement posted on Facebook today, July 9th, read: "Bonnie's family and team are heartbroken to announce that Bonnie unexpectedly passed away last night in hospital in Portugal as a result of the illness that she was being treated for.

Tyler, whose real name is Gaynor Hopkins, catapulted to international stardom in the 1980s with the release of the hit single 'Total Eclipse Of The Heart', which soared to the top of the charts in the UK and beyond. The song, penned by Jim Steinman also Meat Loaf's producer, was a testament to Tyler's vocal prowess, as Steinman noted in an interview with People: "I never thought it had a prayer as a single, but I wrote it to be a showpiece for her voice, an aria that would unleash a Wagnerian-like onslaught of sound and emotion."

Bonnie Tyler's iconic hit "It's a Heartache" soared to #4 on the UK charts, marking the beginning of an extraordinary decade of chart-topping success. Tyler continued to deeply resonate with loyal audiences with empowering anthems like "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and "Holding Out for a Hero", earning her first Grammy nomination in 1984. Her impressive discography also includes uplifting tracks like "If You Were A Woman," "Straight From the Heart," "More Than a Lover," and "Making Love".

Tyler's courageous spirit and legacy live on despite her unexpected passing in a hospital on July 8, 2026, at the age of 75. Her remarkable life was marked by a fierce determination that inspired countless fans worldwide. In her final months, Tyler showed unwavering resilience in the face of ongoing health challenges, including emergency intestinal surgery and a medically induced coma. Though her team reported that she remained seriously ill in intensive care prior to her death, her unbreakable will to live continues to motivate those who admired her.

Tyler's powerful voice and iconic hits, such as 'It's a Heartache' and 'Holding Out for a Hero', inspired countless fans worldwide, earning her three Grammy Award nominations and leaving a lasting legacy that continues to uplift and empower new generations, along with her loving husband of over 50 years, Robert Sullivan, keeping her memory alive.

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