

R.I.P. Whitney Houston

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Superstar singer and actress Whitney Houston has died. Houston is one of the biggest singing stars of the '80's and '90's. Houston's voice was a defining one of her time only rivalled by Mariah Carey. She was instant music royalty with the pedigree of Cissy Houston for a mother and Dee Dee Warwick and Dionne Warwick for cousins. The New Jersey native racked up 415 career awards including 2 Emmy Awards, 6 Grammy Awards, 30 Billboard Music Awards and 22 American Music Awards. All six of her studio albums are platinum including her work on the soundtracks to "The Bodyguard" and "The Preacher's Wife." Before her singing career she was a successful teen model and was one of the first women of color to be on the cover of *Seventeen* magazine. Houston's looks, voice and success were only overshadowed by a stormy marriage to Bobby Brown and her battle with drugs and drink. But her influence and stature in American music can never be underestimated. Her version of "The Star Spangled Banner" at the 24th Super Bowl set a new standard and was released as a single. She had many hit singles including ["You Give Good Love,"](#) ["So Emotional,"](#) ["I'm Your Baby Tonight,"](#) ["It's Not Right But It's Ok"](#) and ["Heartbreak Hotel"](#) with Kelly Price and Faith Evans to name a few. It was during her appearances on ex husband Bobby Brown's reality TV show "Being Bobby Brown" that the world saw the troubled person behind her well-crafted image. The singer who was also called "The Voice" also had success as an actress in "The Bodyguard," "The Preacher's Wife" and "Waiting To Exhale." She just finished working on a remake of the film "Sparkle" last year.