

R.I.P. Bonnie Pointer



BEVERLY HILLS, CA – JUNE 16: Singer Bonnie Pointer attends the 100th anniversary celebration of the Beverly Hills Hotel & Bungalows supporting the Motion Picture & Television Fund and the American Comedy Fund hosted by Brett Ratner and Warren Beatty at Beverly Hills Hotel on June 16, 2012 in Beverly Hills, California. (Photo by Michael Buckner/Getty Images for BHH)

Bonnie Pointer, a co-founder of The Pointer Sisters, has died at age 69. Pointer started singing professionally with her sister June in 1969 and later that year their other sister Anita joined them. They started their careers recording for Atlantic Records and had their first hit in 1973 with “Yes We Can Can.” Bonnie and Anita wrote the group’s crossover country hit “Fairy Tale” in 1974 which won them their first Grammy. Bonnie left the group in 1977 for a solo career and signed with Motown. She scored an underground club success in 1978 with “Free Me From My Freedom/Tie Me To A Tree (Handcuff Me)” that had Funkadelic alum Eddie Hazel on bass, banjo and guitar. Her recording of The Elgins’ “Heaven Must Of Sent You” in 1979 was a mainstream disco hit. Bonnie reunited with her sisters at different times including the ceremony for The Pointer Sisters receiving their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The singer-songwriter continued to perform in the 2000s and had started working on an autobiography.Â Â

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