

R.I.P. Bunny Wailer



Bunny Wailer, one of the founding members of The Wailers has died at age 73. Wailer, who was born Neville Livingston, helped to form The Wailers with Bob Marley and Peter Tosh in 1963. In 1964, they had their first hit on the Jamaican charts with "Simmer Down." Livingston recorded six albums with The Wailers and sang lead on songs like "Dreamland," "Pass It On" and "Hallelujah Time." He left The Wailers in 1973 to pursue his solo career and his debut album *Blackheart Man* was released in 1976. The album was critically acclaimed and Livingston always believed it to be his best work. He saw the release of over 20 solo albums in his lifetime and received a Grammy for Best Reggae Album in 1991 for *Time Will Tell: A Tribute To Bob Marley*. Livingston grew-up with Marley in Jamaica and their parents lived together and gave them a sibling named Pearl. Marley died in 1981 of cancer and Peter Tosh was murdered in 1987. Livingston was the last surviving member of The Wailers. His legacy of spreading the gospel of reggae music and making Rastafarianism popular earned him worldwide respect. He was appreciated at home where he received Jamaica's Order of Jamaica and Order of Merit in 2012 and 2017. In July 2020, he had a stroke and never returned home from the hospital, and passed from complications.Â