

# In 2011 We Said Goodbye

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Gladys Horton founder of Martha & the Vandellas



Marvin Sease X-rated blues singer known for "Candy Licker"



Nate Dogg King of the rap hook



Loleatta Holloway Dance music diva



Jazz poet of the people



Clarence Clemons The Big Man



Amy Winehouse Critically acclaimed and hugely successful Jazz R&B singer



Eugene McDaniels Singer/songwriter famous for writing "Feel Like Makin' Love"



Nicholas Ashford One half of famed Singing and songwriting team Ashford

and Simpson



Esther Gordy Edwards Mother of Motown



Vesta Williams R&B singer and actress



Sylvia Robinson Co-founder of Sugar Hill Records



Heavy D New Jack Swing pioneer



J. Blackfoot Singer of "Taxi" former member of The Soul Children



Cesaria Evora The Barefoot Diva keeper of Cape Verdian music



Ralph MacDonald Musician and songwriter most famous for co-writing "Where Is The Love"

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# Media Questions Of The Week



1. Will the N.W.A. film that Ice Cube and John Singleton are working live up to the group's legend?



2. Is it really necessary for Universal to do a "Scarface" remake?



3. What happened to Vesta?

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## R.I.P. Vesta

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R&B singer Vesta Williams has died. Ms. Williams was from Coshocton, Ohio and came onto the music scene in 1986 with *Vesta*. "Once Bitten, Twice Shy" from that project became her first Top Ten R&B hit. Her sophomore album, *Vesta4U* became her most popular because of "Sweet Sweet Love", "4 U" and the histrionic lost-love anthem "Congratulations." She released a total of 6 albums with her most recent output being 2007's *Distant Lover*. Williams also had a cameo in the film "Posse"

as a saloon singer and a regular role on the TV show “Sister Sister.” Throughout her singing career she had done session work for Chaka Khan, Stephanie Mills, Anita Baker, Gladys Knight, Bobby Womack, Sting, and The Jacksons among others. Williams was a powerhouse soul singer from the '80's who was a part of a canon of singers noted for their vocal strength and church roots. She along with Phyllis Hyman, Regina Belle, Anita Baker, Whitney Houston and Chaka Khan made the insistence that a singer really had to sing when making R&B in the '80's.

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## **Throwback: Vesta-Once Bitten Twice Shy**