

Burt Lancaster

Burt Lancaster, whose birth name is Burton Stephen Lancaster, was born in New York City, USA on November 2, 1913. To begin with he was an all round athlete in high school and toured with his co-athlete as a team of acrobats, appearing in circuses, and nightclubs. Lancaster, Burt served in the Army during World War II (1939-1945), dancing and acting in stage shows for the soldiers. He got his best chance and opening for bigger performance in 1945 when he caught the attention of a Hollywood talent scout while appearing in a play on Broadway. Lancaster became a star in his first film. This film was about the gangster story *The Killers* (1946) which made him the promising star of the future. In 1948, Lancaster formed a production company that made several worth remembering films as Paddy Chayefsky's *Marty* that was Oscar winner 1955, and *The Catered Affair* (1956). In the 1980s he appeared as a supporting player in a number of movies, such as *Local Hero* (1983) and *Field of Dreams* (1989). However, it will be the sound of his voice, the way that he laughed, and the larger-than-life characters he played that will always be remembered.

The Oscar Nominations

Burt Lancaster received 'Academy Award Nominations' for his best performances in the most famed film of the time 'From Here to Eternity' (1953), *Birdman of Alcatraz* (1962), and *Atlantic City* (1981). His other major films include *Brute Force* (1947), *The Flame and the Arrow* (1950), *Come Back, Little Sheba* (1952), *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral* (1957), *Sweet Smell of Success* (1957), *The Leopard* (1963), *The Swimmer* (1967), and *Local Hero* (1983). He also starred and directed the Western motion picture *The Kentuckian* (1955).

Personality Marks

He had a deep meaningful, killing smile, which they called "The Grin".

He had a great, tough physical stature. Commenting on his physique, director John Frankenheimer once said, "Nobody ever looked like Burt Lancaster in 'The Crimson Pirate' – 1952.

He had a unique, bold and undaunted style, which immensely attracted the adventurous youth.

Date of Birth

November 2, 1913, New York City USA.

Date of Death

October 20, 1994, Century City, California, USA.

Cause of Death

Heart Attack

Birth Name

Burton Stephen Lancaster

Nickname

Mr. Muscles and Teeth

Height

6 feet 1 inch

Spouse

Susan Martin

Norma Anderson (divorced) 5 children.

June Ernst (divorced)

Burt Lancaster (1913-1994), was a great motion-picture star who won applaud and fame for his performances in both action roles as well as sensitive characters. He won the 1960 Academy Award as best actor for his performance as a hypocritical preacher in *Elmer Gantry* (1960).

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