



Hollywood: Her Story September 2026 ENewsletter Remembering Dolly Parton

Singer, songwriter, actress and astute businesswoman Dolly Parton died in August 2026. We celebrate her many accomplishments in this newsletter along with two other women who combined singing and acting careers – Barbra Streisand and Queen Latifah.



Oscar nominee **Dolly Parton** was writing songs by the time she was six years old and performing on television when she was ten. She became a professional songwriter at 16. Over her almost 60 years in the entertainment business, she released 49 albums and wrote more than 3,000 songs. Her philanthropy was legendary – she established the Dollywood Foundation to encourage educational success. Its program, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, provides monthly books to children to combat illiteracy. Her Dollywood theme park welcomes more than 4 million people each year. Parton acted in multiple movies and was nominated for her first Best Original Song Oscar in 1981 for “Nine to Five” from the movie of the same name. Her second Oscar nomination came in 2006 for “Traveling Thru” in the movie *Transamerica*. Parton won multiple Grammys and was nominated for an Emmy as well. “The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”



Singer, writer, director, producer and actress **Barbra Streisand** is one of the few people to have won an Oscar, Grammy, Emmy and Tony (EGOT). She won the Best Actress Oscar in 1969 for *Funny Girl*. Her second Oscar came in 1977 for Best Music, Original Song for “Evergreen (Love Theme from *A Star is Born*)” which made her the first woman to win an Oscar for music composition. Streisand was the first person to direct, produce, co-author, star and sing in a major motion picture – that was for the 1983 movie *Yentl*. Her additional Oscar nominations are for Best Picture, Best Actress and Best Music, Original Song. She has won eight Grammys and been nominated a total of 48 times. Streisand has also won a Peabody and been honored with the Kennedy Center Honors and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



A singer, producer, and actress, **Queen Latifah** was a rapper before she became an actor and was awarded one Grammy from a total of six nominations. Her first album was released when she was nineteen. She starred in a television sitcom from 1993 to 1998 and later had her own talk show. She is also the recipient of a Primetime Emmy Award. Latifah was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 2003 for *Chicago*. She has acted in a number of other films and served as a voice actress for the *Ice Age* series. She continues to act on television and in movies. Queen Latifah has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. “I decided early on that I was going to put on my crown and rule my world by acting right and treating myself like a queen.”

Women in front of and behind the camera make the movies that we all welcome into our hearts and homes. Women across all the areas of moviemaking from actress to animator, editor to stuntwoman, costume designer to screenwriter, producer to director have contributed to the success of the movie

industry since its founding in the 1890s. Help us celebrate these women who are written into movie history in *Hollywood: Her Story*.

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