



Jessica Tandy

June 7, 1909 - September 11, 1994

Easton, Connecticut

Jessica Tandy, the English-born American actress who won an Academy Award for *Driving Miss Daisy* and helped define *Blanche DuBois* on Broadway, died at her home in Easton, Connecticut, on September 11, 1994. She was eighty-five. Her husband of more than fifty years, Hume Cronyn, was with her.

Born Jessie Alice Tandy in London on June 7, 1909, she trained for the stage as a teenager and crossed to New York by her early twenties. In 1947 she originated *Blanche* in Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire* and took a Tony Award for a performance that set the play's American temperature before the film remade the role for another star. Decades of theater followed - *The Gin Game* among them - alongside film work that ranged from Hitchcock's *The Birds* to *Cocoon* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

She became a United States citizen in 1952 and built a late-career screen fame that surprised even admirers who had long known her as a first-rank stage actress. *Driving Miss Daisy* (1989) brought the Oscar; television and stage continued to honor the same precise, unsentimental craft. She and Cronyn were a working partnership as much as a marriage, sharing bills that made longevity look like discipline rather than luck.

She died in Easton on September 11, 1994, after years of illness that never quite stopped the work. The quieter memorial is the long shelf of roles that treated age as material, not apology.

Those who shared a stage with her described preparation that looked almost severe until the curtain rose and the severity became generosity. She could make a silence land as hard as a speech. Cronyn survived her by years, but the work they did as a pair remains the better biography: two actors who treated marriage as a repertory company and the American theater as a place that still owed audiences clarity. Notice Nearby records her death

date so that September 11 can hold a First Lady of the stage beside the louder histories of the calendar.

Services

Died at home in Easton, Connecticut, on September 11, 1994. Academy Award-winning actress; buried at Christ Church Cemetery, other accounts note private arrangements with the Cronyn family.

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