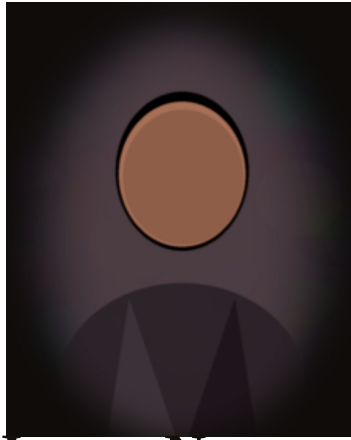




Jessye Norman

September 15, 1945 - September 30, 2019

New York, New York

Jessye Mae Norman - American operatic soprano whose vast, architectural voice filled houses from Berlin to the Metropolitan Opera - died in New York City on September 30, 2019. She was seventy-four. Born September 15, 1945, in Augusta, Georgia, she grew up in a musical household, won her way to Howard University and Michigan, then launched a European career that returned her to American stages as a sovereign presence rather than a debutante.

Wagner, Berlioz, Strauss, and spirituals all fit her range; critics reached for mansions and halls as metaphors for the sound. She sang at presidential inaugurations, Olympic ceremonies, and French Revolution commemorations, treating public ritual as another kind of recital. Offstage she funded arts education in Augusta, curated festivals of African American cultural legacy, and wrote a memoir that insisted posture and preparation were forms of respect.

Complications of a spinal cord injury led to septic shock; she died at Mount Sinai Morningside in Manhattan. Augusta and the Met answered with memorials fit for a voice that had already become civic property.

Georgia churches taught gospel gravity; European houses taught scale. She sang as if every phrase needed a foundation and a sky.

She died in New York City on September 30, 2019. Somewhere a held note is still widening the air above an orchestra pit.

Norman's gift was oceanic control - making power sound like hospitality. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 30 remembers the Augusta-born soprano who gave American opera a voice large enough for history.

Services

Died in New York City, September 30, 2019. Operatic soprano; Metropolitan Opera; Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award; National Medal of Arts.

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