



## ALEX TREBEK 1940-2020



CULVER CITY, CALIF. (November 8, 2020) – **JEOPARDY!** is saddened to share that Alex Trebek passed away peacefully at home early this morning, surrounded by family and friends. He was 80 years old.

Alex was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2019, and he continued to host **JEOPARDY!** for the next 18 months. Throughout that time, Alex was open and public about his battle with cancer. **JEOPARDY!** episodes hosted by Alex will air through December 25, 2020 (his last day in the studio was October 29). The show is not announcing plans for a new host at this time.

Born in Sudbury, Ontario, Alex hosted dozens of game shows before becoming the host of **JEOPARDY!** in its syndicated debut in 1984. He hosted more than 8,200 **JEOPARDY!** episodes over the course of nearly 37 seasons, setting a Guinness World Record for hosting the most episodes of a single game show. Alex won the Daytime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times and was honored with Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He received the Order of Canada honor from his native land in 2017.

“This is an enormous loss for the **JEOPARDY!** staff, crew and all of Alex’s millions of fans. He was a legend of the industry that we were all lucky to watch night after night for 37 years. Working beside him for the past year and a half as he heroically continued to host **JEOPARDY!** was an incredible honor. His belief in the importance of the show and his willingness to push himself to perform at the highest level was the most inspiring demonstration of courage I have ever seen. His constant desire to learn, his kindness, and his professionalism will be with all of us forever,” said Mike Richards, **JEOPARDY!** Executive Producer

Alex is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jean, and children Matthew, Emily, and Nicky. The family has announced no plans for a service, but gifts in Alex’s memory could go to World Vision.

“Today we lost a legend and a beloved member of the Sony Pictures family,” said Tony Vinciguerra, Chairman and CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment. “For 37 amazing years, Alex

was that comforting voice, that moment of escape and entertainment at the end of a long, hard day for millions of people around the world. He was the heart and soul of **JEOPARDY!** and he will be deeply missed by everyone who made him part of their lives. Our hearts go out to Jean, Matthew, Emily, and Nicky.”

“We join our colleagues at Sony Pictures in mourning the passing of Alex Trebek,” said Kenichiro Yoshida, Chairman, President and CEO, Sony Corporation. “Alex was an extraordinary talent whose intelligence, wit and comforting presence appealed to millions of people around the world and made **JEOPARDY!** the outstanding show it is today.”

**Additional Info:**

- For a full bio click here: <https://www.jeopardy.com/about/cast/alex-trebek>
- A clip reel can be viewed or downloaded here: <https://spe-garbo-post.cimediacloud.com/r/liALcHr2hj7B>

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