



Judy Garland, born Frances Ethel Gumm (10th June 1922 – 22nd June 1969) was an American singer, actress, and vaudevillian who began performing as a child. Her singing and acting abilities gained her international stardom, spanning the rest of her life as a performer in both musical and dramatic roles, and through many live concerts and acclaimed albums.

Despite profound professional success, Garland struggled largely in her personal life from an early age. The pressures of adolescent stardom affected her physical and mental health from the time she was a teenager; her self-image was influenced and constantly criticized by film executives who believed that she was physically unattractive. Those same executives manipulated her onscreen physical appearance. She was plagued into her adulthood by alcohol and substance abuse as well as financial instability; she often owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes. Her

lifelong addiction to drugs and alcohol ultimately led to her death in Chelsea, England from a barbiturate overdose at age 47.



Judy Garland married her fifth and final husband, musician Mickey Deans, at Chelsea Register Office, London, on March 15, 1969, her divorce from Mark Herron having been finalized on February 11. A service of blessing was held at St Marylebone Parish Church later the same day which was conducted by the Assistant Curate, Peter Delaney, whom she had met in Hollywood.



Peter Delaney, after a classical art education and a brief period teaching worked for NBC television in Hollywood where he found his vocation to the Anglican Priesthood returning to England to read theology at Kings College London.

Mickey Dean contacted Delaney on the morning of Garland's death and visited the Chelsea flat shortly afterwards. On June 26, 1969, Deans took Garland's remains to New York City, where an estimated 20,000 people lined up for hours at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel in Manhattan to pay their respects. On June 27, James Mason gave a eulogy at the funeral, an Episcopal service led by the Revd Peter Delaney of St Marylebone Parish Church, London, who had officiated at the blessing of her marriage to Deans. The public and press were barred. Garland was interred in a crypt in the community mausoleum at Ferncliff Cemetery, in Hartsdale, New York. At the insistence of her children, Garland's remains were disinterred from Ferncliff Cemetery in January 2017 and re-interred 2,800 miles across the country at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Los Angeles.

On June 27th 1970, the Club organised a Memorial Service in London exactly one year after Judy's New York funeral and over two-hundred people were in attendance. The Reverend Peter Delaney officiated at the service in the parish church. Dame Anna Neagle, Evelyn Laye, Beatrice Dawson, Hattie Jacques and Danny La Rue were among the celebrities in attendance and Lionel Bart supplied the flowers.