# James Dean

SYMBOL Of angst-ridden youth – torn apart by violence and wracked by an unfeeling adult society – he dramatized the questions every young person in every generation must resolve.

Dunaphs lived his role in performed a role in Rebel Without a Cause, some ten more television dramas and still three major films.

James Byron Dean's career began in 1951 when he appeared [illegible] in a Pepsi commercial. But it took place with bit parts he still impressed for how [illegible] a 'natural' acting career.

By 1952 he landed his first leading role on Broadway in The Immoralist. His performance led to a series of TV dramas for NBC and CBS.

During his second Broadway play, The Immoralist, he was spotted by director Elia Kazan and picked to star as the sensitive, lonely Cal in Kazan's classic, East of Eden.

Warner Brothers immediately signed him to a major movie contract. It began with starring with Raymond Massey and Julie Harris in East of Eden. Rebel was followed in 1956 with Giant, in which he starred alongside Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor.

Dean's death on an isolated racing stretch of highway in Cholame, California, [illegible] and a promised phone to go on a racing trip when filming of Giant had ended.

On September 30, while driving his new Porsche to a [illegible] race meeting, he collided with a Ford sedan. He died within seconds. Rebel starred the year after [illegible] and Dr. James Dean was "too fast to live, too young to die."

Life and Times...

| 1931 | 1947 |
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| Born | High |
| Family | School |
| Moves | acting |
| to Los | debut |

1950 A new TV Pepsi-Cola commercial. He appears in his [illegible] debut.

1951 Moves to New York

1952 Has leading role in The Immoralist

1954 Has screen test. Moves to California

1955 East of Eden, Rebel Without a Cause

[illegible] car crash [illegible]