

Pavarotti dies

■ **Oct 12, 1935:**

Luciano Pavarotti

born in Modena, northern Italy. As a child he becomes committed to opera, singing in local chorus with his father



■ **1961:** Debuts as Rodolfo in Giacomo Puccini's ***La Bohème***

■ **1965:** Wins hearts of U.S. audiences in Donizetti's ***Lucia di Lammermoor***

■ **1972:** While singing aria in Donizetti's ***La Fille du Regiment*** Pavarotti hits high C nine times – audience erupts in frenzied ovation

■ **1990:** ***Three tenors*** – Pavarotti, ***Placido Domingo*** and ***Jose Carreras*** – introduce opera to millions at soccer World Cup closing ceremony in Rome. ***Nessun Dorma***, from Puccini's ***Turandot***, becomes his trademark aria

■ **1998:** Presented with Grammy Legend Award

■ **2001:** Pavarotti receives award from UN for his work with refugees

■ **2003:** Having left his wife of 37 years, Pavarotti marries longtime partner ***Nicoletta Mantovani***

■ **2006:** Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer during farewell world tour

■ **Sep 6, 2007:** Pavarotti dies, aged 71