

# The rise and fall of Phil Spector



■ **Dec 25, 1940:** Born in New York

■ **1958:** Becomes songwriter, guitarist and backup singer with Los Angeles band The Teddy Bears

■ **1961:** Co-founds **Philles** label where he pioneers **Wall of Sound** – endless multi-tracked, unearthly-echoed instrumental overdubs

■ **1962:** Becomes millionaire with hit **To Know Him is to Love Him**

■ **1960s:** Produces The Crystals' **He's A Rebel**, The Ronettes' **Be My Baby** and The Righteous Brothers' **You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling**

■ **1966:** Retreats from public eye after Spector-produced record, Ike and Tina Turner's **River Deep, Mountain High**, fails commercially in U.S.

■ **1968:** Marriage to Ronnie Bennett of The Ronettes (*above left*) is marked by jealous tirades and rumours of abuse – divorced 1974

■ **1969:** Returns to charts with The Checkmates' **Black Pearl**, appears in movie **Easy Rider** as a drug dealer

■ **1970:** Gives final gloss to The Beatles' **Let It Be** album

■ **1975:** Fires gun shot into ceiling during acrimonious recording session with John Lennon

■ **1977:** Allegedly points gun at Leonard Cohen during recording of **Death of a Ladies' Man** album

■ **1980:** Allegedly pulls gun during row while working with The Ramones

■ **1989:** Inducted into **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**

■ **Feb 4, 2003:** Actress **Lana Clarkson** found shot dead at his mansion in Los Angeles

■ **Apr 13, 2009:** Found guilty of second degree murder of Clarkson. 69-year-old music icon faces between 15 years and life in prison