

Patrick Swayze



■ **Aug 18, 1952:** Born in Houston, Texas, son of a choreographer and dance instructor and an engineer

■ **1975:** Marries dancer and actress **Lisa Niemi** two years after moving to New York to complete dance training

■ **1978:** Appears as **Danny Zuko** in Broadway production of **Grease**

■ **1979:** Makes film debut in roller disco-inspired film **Skatetown, USA**

■ **1987:** Achieves stardom playing dance instructor **Johnny Castle** in smash hit **Dirty Dancing**

■ **1990:** Stars with **Demi Moore** and **Whoopi Goldberg** in beyond-the-grave love story **Ghost**

■ **1991:** Plays **Bodhi**, charismatic leader of gang of bank-robbing surfers, in **Point Break**

■ **2008:** Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, goes ahead with playing FBI agent on TV series **The Beast**

■ **Sep 14, 2009:** Dies aged 57