

Grammy-Winning Christian Music Artist Mandisa Dies at 47

Christian singer-songwriter and “American Idol” finalist Mandisa Lynn Hundley, known professionally as Mandisa, has died in her Nashville, Tennessee, home at age 47, according to multiple reports.

The platinum-selling artist and five-time Grammy nominee, born in California, rose to fame when she responded with grace to “American Idol” judge Simon Cowell’s critique following her performance on Season 5 of that show. She finished in the top 10 and released her first album, “True Beauty,” in 2007. In 2014, she won a Grammy for Best Contemporary Christian Music album for her iconic release, “Overcomer.”

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K-LOVE, one of the first outlets to break the news of her death, released the following on social media platform X:

Over the course of her career, Mandisa released five full-length projects and one Christmas LP. Her memoir, “Out of the Dark: My Journey Through the Shadows to Find God’s Joy,” was published in 2022 after she went public with her longtime struggle with depression and trust in God’s healing power.

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Top Christian artist and fellow “American Idol” alum Danny Gokey posted his condolences on X, saying he was “devastated” to hear of her passing:

“While we are saddened, Mandisa is home,” says David Pierce, K-LOVE’s chief media officer. “We’re praying for Mandisa’s family and friends and ask you to join us.”

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