

‘The Cosby Show’ Star Dies Tragically at 54

Malcolm-Jamal Warner, the Emmy-nominated actor best known for his role as Theo Huxtable on “The Cosby Show,” died on July 20, 2025, at the age of 54, leaving behind a legacy grounded in faith, artistry and purpose.

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His death was confirmed on July 20, 2025, sending shockwaves through the entertainment world and prompting an outpouring of tributes from fans and fellow actors alike. He died accidentally while swimming on vacation in Costa Rica after currents took him into deep waters.

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Warner rose to prominence as a teenager playing the witty and lovable Theo on The Cosby Show, a groundbreaking sitcom that redefined American television in the 1980s. His nuanced portrayal earned him critical acclaim and solidified his place in the hearts of millions. According to Fox News, Warner “brought a rare warmth and depth” to the role, making viewers feel “like he was part of their family.” Beyond his early fame, Warner built a rich and diverse career spanning film, television, voice work, directing, poetry and music.

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A man of faith, BeliefNet noted that Warner’s life was “marked

by a sincere testimony of faith and purpose.” He regularly encouraged others to pursue authentic living and spiritual growth.

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