

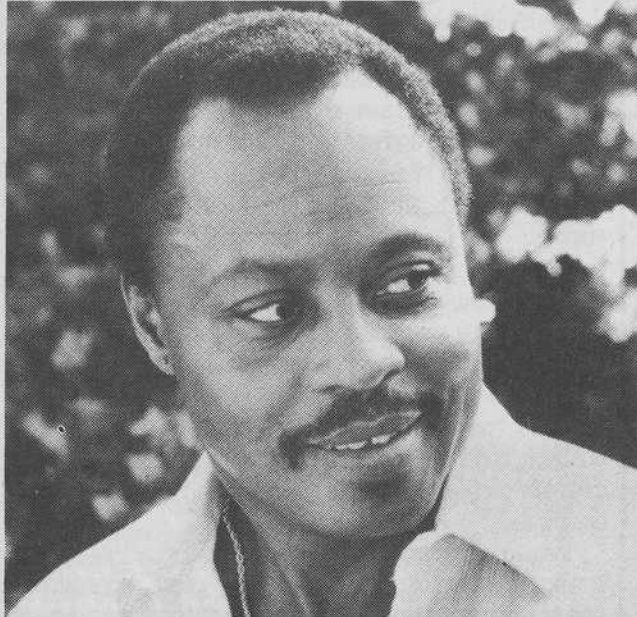
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Actor Roger E. Mosley, still going strong

During the eight years Roger E. Mosley co-starred opposite Tom Selleck on "Magnum P.I." his celebrity persona made him one of the most recognized African-Americans in the industry.

His role as a Vietnam war buddy operating his own 'Island Helicopter Service' on the top rated CBS network show also resulted in him being dubbed

'the world's most celebrated helicopter pilot'. Although he is a licensed rotary engine pilot he was not allowed to fly the helicopter in production segments for insurance reasons. In real life he owns and flies whirlybirds. Additionally, he's a partner in a helicopter rental company that provides helicopters for the film and television industry.



ROGER E. MOSELY

Throughout his career he has insisted on play roles with a positive image, which resulted in Mosley receiving the Florida State General Baptist Convention's "1986 Positive Black Actors Award." His keynote speech addressed 30,000 youthful conventioners at Miami's Orange Bowl. His dramatic entrance for his speech was by helicopter, courtesy of Miami Police.

As an accredited director and writer, Mosley wrote and directed several episodes of "Magnum," including the critically acclaimed episode "Missing Melody." Another hidden talent surfaced when he debuted as a recording artist in 1985, in which his video dance single "Snake Show," was introduced on Black Entertainment Television's "Video Soul Show" with Roger as guest host.

Since launching his acting career Roger has worked and played roles opposite some of the industry's biggest names: George C. Scott, John Wayne, James Earl Jones, Burt Reynolds, Cecily Tyson, Alan Arkin, Richard Pryor, Madge Sinclair, Denzel Washington, Bob Hoskins and quite a few others. His film credits include: "Leadbelly," "The Greatest," "McQ," "Attica," "Jericho Mile,"

"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Heart Condition" and "Pentathlon." He's played major roles on a number of popular television shows, including "The Streets of San Francisco" and a special television production of "Run Down the Rabbit" for Channel-2 in Atlanta, Georgia, in which Mosley won an Emmy. His principal role in the '91 American Playhouse television special, "Zora Is My Name" found him in an all-star cast that included Ruby Dee, Louis Gossett, Jr., Bea Richards, Flip Wilson, Lynn Whitfield, Oscar Brown, Jr., Paula Kelly and others.

In more recent years he co-starred opposite Nell Carter in the CBS series "You Take The Kids," and also played the co-starring role of Coach Ricketts for half a season opposite Mark Cooper. His scene stealing death in "Unlawful Entry" is still the talk of movie audiences and critics. In this 20th Century feature film he was paired with Ray Liotta, Kurt Russell and Madeline Stowe.

His guest star appearance on NBC's, "In The House," starring Debbie Allen and L.L. Cool J., and the major supporting role he played in the feature film "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate," directed by Martin

Lawrence, brings Roger's 96 screen appearances more into focus.

His concern for charitable causes still tops his list of involvement's. His inaugural "Roger E. Mosley Celebrity Weekend" in Tampa, Florida, that raised \$83,970 to benefit the educational enrichment program of the Hillsborough County Center of Excellence, has yet to be topped. He also serves as Celebrity Spokesperson for a number of charities. The Los Angeles Sickle Cell Disease Research Foundation, The Remedial Reading and Learning Center of Los Angeles, The Daisy Child Development Center of Compton., The Light Hearth Ranch, Inc. of Billings, Montana and several others. In 1992, he agreed to serve as "National Celebrity Spokesperson for the Masters Program for the Education of 'at-risk' youth at the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico. Roger is also a perennial favorite at celebrity sports events all over the world benefiting youth oriented charities.

His career direction today is more directional than ever before. This does not mean that Roger has stopped acting! He has several independent projects pending that could bring

about a major change in his career behind the cameras.

Although he operates a tight 'round the clock schedule' he always finds the time and energy to assist charities and organizations benefiting youngsters. Roger E. Mosley is still going strong.

J.W. Alexander, Former Sam Cooke Manager, Suffering from Failing Health

J.W. Alexander, the former manager of Sam Cooke, Lou Rawls, O.C. Smith and a number of early day popular groups is suffering from failing health. Now well in his 80's, and being taken care of by his wife and daughter at home, the high spirited and flamboyant J.W. who's suffering from cancer and has had a number of other medical problems including a recent stroke that left him speechless for a while.

In next week's column we will start etching in ebony the history of J.W. Alexander's illustrious career as a manager of some of America's greatest musical talents.

In the meantime, prayers, get well cards and best wishes can be sent to him at 8571 Holloway Drive, Unit Number #2, Los Angeles, CA 90069...and that's Hollywood this time!!! Until the next time, Lanier.

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