

Exemplar obituaries (can be printed for students, though this is not necessary):

Paul Walker, 40, Star of 'Fast and Furious' Movies, Dies in Crash

[Paul Walker](#), an actor best known for his role in the "Fast and the Furious" movies about street racing, died on Saturday in Valencia, Calif., when the Porsche he was riding in crashed in a single-car accident and burst into flames. He was 40.

His death was confirmed by his publicist, Ame Van Iden.

Athletic with blond hair and blue eyes, Mr. Walker often played the action star or the romantic interest. He starred in six of the seven "[Fast and Furious](#)" movies, often alongside the action star Vin Diesel, with the latest installment still being filmed and scheduled for release next year. The movies were popular and lucrative — the most recent one, "Fast and Furious 6," grossed \$788 million worldwide this year.

Paul William Walker IV was born in Glendale, Calif., on Sept. 12, 1973. He started acting at a young age and had a few prominent parts in the late 1990s, playing supporting roles in the films "[Pleasantville](#)," "[Varsity Blues](#)," and "[She's All That](#)," and starring in "[The Skulls](#)."

But his big break came in 2001 with "[The Fast and the Furious](#)," in which he played an undercover Los Angeles police officer investigating street racing. The \$30 million film brought in \$207 million. Sequels followed and continued to attract audiences with over-the-top car chases, but he had trouble finding major success outside the franchise.

Mr. Walker enjoyed racing and had a car collection that included a [Porsche 911 GT3](#) and a [1964 Chevrolet Impala](#), he said in an interview with Automobile magazine. He also helped run a luxury garage with friends in Valencia, near where the crash occurred.

Mr. Walker stayed out of the tabloids and away from the Hollywood party scene. He didn't want to live in Hollywood, his publicist said, and settled instead in Santa Barbara.

Recently, he had made a priority of spending more time with his 15-year-old daughter, Meadow, friends said. She had lived in Hawaii with her mother, Rebecca Soteris, for most of her life, but was now living with Mr. Walker.

In addition to his daughter, Mr. Walker is survived by his father, Paul Walker III; his mother Cheryl Walker; two brothers, Cody and Caleb; and a sister, Ashley.

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British astronomer and broadcaster Sir Patrick Moore has died, aged 89.

He "passed away peacefully at 12:25 this afternoon" at his home in Selsey, West Sussex, friends and colleagues said in a statement.

Sir Patrick presented the BBC programme *The Sky At Night* for over 50 years, making him the longest-running host of the same television show ever.

He wrote dozens of books on astronomy and his research was used by the US and the Russians in their space programmes.

Described by one of his close friends as "fearlessly eccentric", Sir Patrick was notable for his habit of wearing a monocle on screen and his idiosyncratic style.

Sir Patrick presented the first edition of *The Sky at Night* on 24 April 1957. He last appeared in an episode broadcast on Monday.

A statement by his friends and staff said: "After a short spell in hospital last week, it was determined that no further treatment would benefit him, and it was his wish to spend his last days in his own home, Farthings, where he today passed on, in the company of close friends and carers and his cat Ptolemy."

Patrick Alfred Caldwell-Moore was born at Pinner, Middlesex on 4 Mar 1923.

Heart problems meant he spent much of his childhood being educated at home and he became an avid reader. His mother gave him a copy of GF Chambers' book, *The Story of the Solar System*, and this sparked his lifelong passion for astronomy.

When war came he turned down a place at Cambridge and lied about his age to join the RAF, serving as a navigator with Bomber Command and rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

But the war brought him a personal tragedy after his fiancée, Lorna, was killed when an ambulance she was driving was hit by a bomb. He never married.

Sir Patrick, who had a pacemaker fitted in 2006 and received a knighthood in 2001, won a Bafta for services to television and was a honorary fellow of the Royal Society.

He was a member of the UK Independence party and, briefly, the finance minister for the Monster Raving Loony Party, and attracted some controversy for his outspoken views on [Europe](#) and [immigration](#).

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