



FAMOUS MIGRANTS

Rita Hayworth

An American dancer and actress.

Biography

Hayworth was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1918, the oldest child of two dancers. Her father, Eduardo Cansino, was from a little town near Seville. Her mother, Volga, was American.

Margarita's father wanted her to become a professional dancer, while her mother hoped she would become an actress. Her grandfather, Antonio Cansino, was renowned as a Spanish classical dancer. He popularized the bolero, and his dancing school in Madrid was world-famous.

She died at age 68 from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease three months later in May 1987.



Career



In late 1934, she performed a dance sequence in the Spencer Tracy film, *Dante's Inferno*

The following year, she appeared in five Columbia movies. So impressed was Warner Bros., they tried to buy Hayworth's contract from Columbia, but they refused to release her.

Hayworth was introduced to Prince Aly Khan. They began a year-long relationship, and were married on 27 May, 1949. Hayworth left Hollywood and sailed for France, breaking her contract with Columbia.

After the collapse of her marriage to Khan, Rita Hayworth was forced to return to Hollywood to star in her "comeback" picture. She continued working throughout the 1960s. She made a well-publicized 1971 television appearance on *The Carol Burnett Show*. Her last film was *The Wrath of God* (1972).

Awards

Hayworth received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress – Motion Picture Drama for her performance in *Circus World* (1964).

In 1999, Hayworth was acknowledged as one of the top-25 greatest female stars of Classic Hollywood cinema in the American Film Institute's survey.



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