

Michael Jackson

Michael Joseph Jackson (June 25, 2009) was an American singer. He was born on August 29, 1958, at St Mary's Mercy Hospital in Gary, Indiana to a family of Jehovah's Witnesses. He died on June the 25th of 2009.



He entertained audiences nearly his entire life. His father, [Joe Jackson](#) , had been a guitarist, but was forced to give up his musical ambitions following his marriage to Michael's mother [Katherine Jackson](#) (née Katherine Esther Scruse). Together, they prodded their growing family's musical interests at home. By the early 1960s, the older boys Jackie, Tito and Jermaine had begun performing around the city; by 1964, Michael and Marlon had joined in.

A musical prodigy, Michael's singing and dancing talents were amazingly mature, and he soon became the dominant voice and focus of the [Jackson 5](#). By 1969, the boys were producing back-to-back chart-busting hits as Motown artists ("I Want You Back," "ABC," "Never Can Say Goodbye," "Got to Be There," etc.). As a product of the 1970s, the boys emerged as one of the most accomplished black pop / soul vocal groups in music history.

Solo success for Michael was inevitable. By the 1980s, he had become infinitely more popular than his brotherly group. Record sales consistently orbited, culminating in the biggest-selling album of all time, "Thriller" in 1982.

Michael Jackson had three children before he died—Michael Joseph Jr, Paris and Prince Michael II (Blanket). After the pop star's death in June 2009, his mother, Katherine Jackson, became guardian of the three, who were all still minors. He was married to [Elvis Presley's](#) daughter [Lisa Marie Presley](#). He had his 2 first children with his second wife named Deborah Rowe. He had his third child by an unnamed surrogate mother.

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009 in Los Angeles, California. His passion and artistry as a singer, dancer, writer and businessman were unparalleled, and it is these prodigious talents that will ultimately prevail over the extremely negative aspects of his troubled adult life.

Nicknames	The Gloved One/Wacko Jacko
	Jacko/King Of Pop
	MJ/Applehead
	Mike/Mikey
	Smelly - called this by Quincy Jones because " Michael wouldn't say 'funky.' He'd say 'smelly jelly.'"