



Bob Hope

July 27, 2003

AMERICA'S AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL

Bob Hope was one of the world's most loved and recognized performers. Star of the silver screen, television and radio, Hope entertained audiences in every decade of the 20th century.

Born Leslie Townes Hope, on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, England, Hope's family moved to Cleveland, Ohio when he was four years old. His career began in vaudeville and he later transitioned to Broadway. His stage performances included starring with Ethel Merman in a production of Cole Porter's *Red Hot and Blue*.

Some of Hope's other popular projects included the *Pepsodent Show* on NBC Radio, the "Road to..." movies he made with Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour, and the anthology series *Bob Hope Presents the Chrysler Theater*.

However, Hope is probably best known for touring with USO shows, entertaining U.S. troops in every war from World War II to the Persian Gulf. His efforts to bring humor to American soldiers earned him the title of "USO's Ambassador of Good Will."

The famous Bob Hope Chrysler Classic charity golf tournament gave Hope a

chance to combine his love of golf with an opportunity to support many charitable causes.

For his contributions to entertainment and humanitarian efforts, Hope has been the recipient of more than 2,000 awards and citations. These include 54 honorary doctorates and an honorary knighthood – Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) from his native England. His many accolades have earned him a listing in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most honored entertainer in the world.

Hope is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Dolores Reade, their four adopted children, Linda, Anthony, Honora and William Kelly Francis, and four grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bob Hope*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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