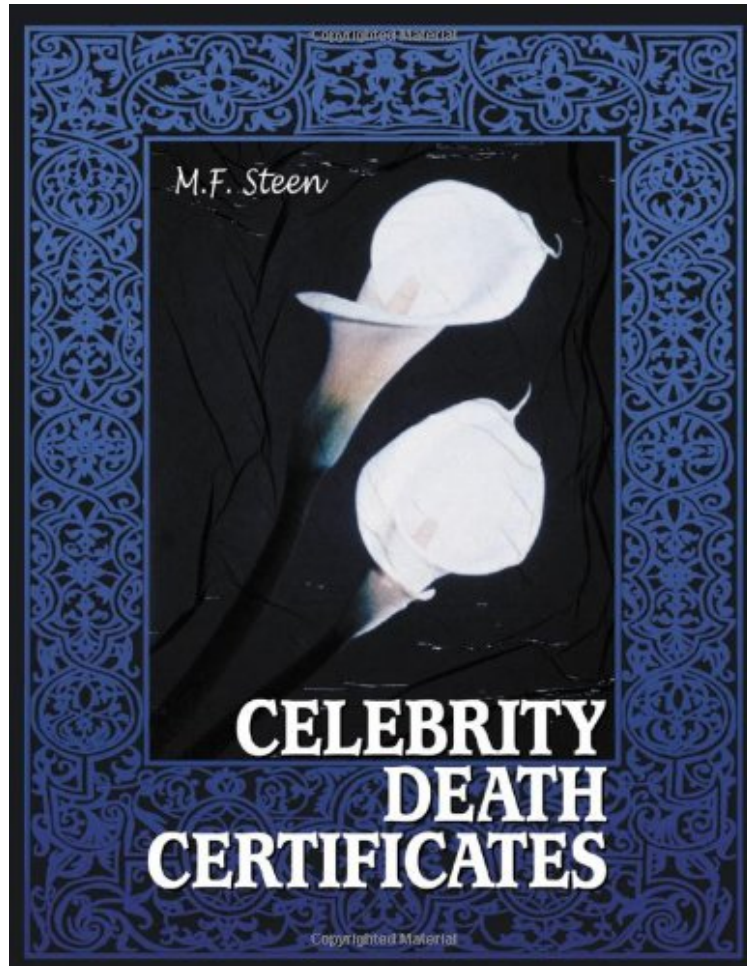


## Celebrity Death Certificates

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**M. F. Steen : Celebrity Death Certificates** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Celebrity Death Certificates:

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Save your moneyBy A CustomerWhat a waste of money. The copies are blurry and in many cases illegible. It would help if there was some kind of guide to tell you what the questions being answered are. Also don't rely on the short biographies at the end as there are mistakes.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Bare Bone Facts About Celebrity DeathBy Lisa Burks"Celebrity Death Certificates" takes a VERY different approach to examining the deaths of numerous celebrities by providing simple clean copies of their actual death certificates. I enjoyed reading these legal documents, which I found easy to decipher, for their bare bone facts. Steen's legwork saved me time and money digging them up on my own; there are literally thousands of dollars worth of documentation in this volume if one wanted to start a similar collection. Steen, a death care professional, refrains from making editorial comments which works nicely within this format. The array of celebrities is diverse,

182 in all, and he includes many "posthumous reunions" such as the cast of "I Love Lucy," husband and wife teams like Ozzie Harriet Nelson and George Burns Gracie Allen; dueling gossip columnists Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons; the list goes on and on. This book stands out as THE conversation piece on my Hollywood history library shelves. I'm looking forward to purchasing and perusing Vol. 2 later this year. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Just What It Says By So. Calif book reader This book is just what it says...celebrity death certificates. The one reviewer doesn't know what he's saying when he says it's a waste and the entries are blurry. It isn't true. Some of the certificates are OLD and handwritten and when copied this makes it sometimes tough to decipher but generally this isn't the case. If you have some medical knowledge, etc. you're way ahead. And if you love collecting death certificates as I do this is a wonderful book to have as there are so many bound together. You will find yourself looking for one, but keeping turning the pages to check out others. I spend a half an hour or more everytime I pick it up.

Marilyn Monroe died at 36. Her death certificate lists "Acute Barbiturate Poisoning. Ingestion of Overdose" as the cause. Just below that line, you can see that the person who issued her death certificate typed "Probable Suicide." Many people question whether her death was a suicide, an accident, or possibly a homicide. A death certificate is an intriguing document. It encapsulates a person's life story on one page--the birthplace, parents, education, length of career, residence, time, place, and cause of death and finally, what happened to the remains. The information required for a death certificate can vary since each state looks at it differently. California regards them as public documents. Texas and New York makes them available only to family members and others showing a direct need. Satisfying curiosity is not considered a need. John Belushi, John Denver, George Harrison, Truman Capote, "Fred and Ginger" and Frank Sinatra are just a few of the 182 Hollywood notables from the Silent Era to today whose intriguing death certificates are collected here--fascinating!

"Fascinating material...recommend[ed]." --Classic Images "Unique." --Arba "Definitely...of interest to Hollywood trivia buffs." --Valley Scene Magazine About the Author M.F. Steen has been a funeral service provider for more than 40 years. In 1989, Gentleman's Quarterly called Mr. Steen the "Mortician to the Stars." He continues to serve families on a daily basis.