

Norma Jeane Baker of Troy: The Untold Story of Marilyn Monroe's Secret Twin



The world knows Marilyn Monroe as the iconic blonde bombshell who captivated audiences with her beauty, charisma, and tragic life story. But

what many people don't know is that Marilyn had a secret twin sister named Norma Jeane Baker.



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Norma Jeane Baker of Troy, also known as Norma Jeane Baker Mortenson, was born on June 1, 1926, just minutes after her more famous sister. The twins were the daughters of Gladys Pearl Monroe and Charles Stanley Gifford, a film editor who abandoned the family before Norma Jeane and Marilyn were born.

Norma Jeane and Marilyn grew up in different foster homes and had very different lives. Marilyn went on to become a world-renowned actress, while Norma Jeane lived a quiet life in Troy, Ohio.

In this article, we will explore the life of Norma Jeane Baker of Troy, the lesser-known twin of Marilyn Monroe. We will learn about her childhood, her relationship with her sister, and her own tragic death.

Childhood

Norma Jeane Baker of Troy was born in Los Angeles County Hospital. She was the second of two daughters born to Gladys Pearl Monroe and Charles Stanley Gifford. Norma Jeane's father left the family before she and her sister were born, and her mother was declared mentally incompetent when Norma Jeane was just two years old.

Norma Jeane and Marilyn were then placed in foster care. Norma Jeane was adopted by Albert and Ida Bolender, a farming family in Troy, Ohio. Marilyn was adopted by Grace McKee, a friend of Gladys Pearl Monroe.

Norma Jeane and Marilyn grew up in very different environments. Marilyn lived a glamorous life in Hollywood, while Norma Jeane lived a simple life in Troy. Norma Jeane attended Troy High School and worked as a waitress and a model.

Relationship with Marilyn

Norma Jeane and Marilyn had a very complicated relationship. They were both aware of each other, but they only met a few times. Marilyn was always jealous of Norma Jeane's quiet life, while Norma Jeane was resentful of Marilyn's fame and fortune.

In 1952, Marilyn and Norma Jeane met for the first and only time on film. They were both appearing in the movie "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Marilyn played the lead role of Lorelei Lee, while Norma Jeane played a small role as a chorus girl.

The two sisters reportedly got along well on set, but they never saw each other again. Marilyn died of a drug overdose in 1962, and Norma Jeane died of cancer in 1970.

Death

Norma Jeane Baker of Troy died of cancer on July 12, 1970. She was 44 years old. Norma Jeane was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Troy, Ohio.

Norma Jeane's death was a tragic loss. She was a kind and gentle woman who deserved a better life. She was overshadowed by her more famous sister, but she was a remarkable person in her own right.

Legacy

Norma Jeane Baker of Troy is a forgotten figure in history. She was the secret twin sister of Marilyn Monroe, but she lived a very different life. Norma Jeane was a kind and gentle woman who loved her family and her community. She was a hard worker who never gave up on her dreams.

Norma Jeane's story is a reminder that everyone has a story to tell. Even the most ordinary people can have extraordinary lives. Norma Jeane Baker of Troy was a remarkable woman who deserves to be remembered.



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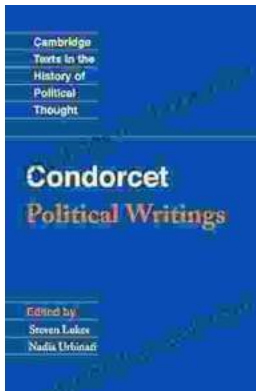
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