

# Actress Kelly Preston Dies of Breast Cancer at 57

She privately fought the disease for two years.

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On July 12, actress Kelly Preston, 57, died after a two-year battle with [breast cancer](#), reports [People](#). Preston's career spanned 40 years and included roles in films such as *Twins*, *Jerry Maguire* and *For the Love of the Game*.

"Choosing to keep her fight private, she had been undergoing medical treatment for some time, supported by her closest family and friends," said a family representative.

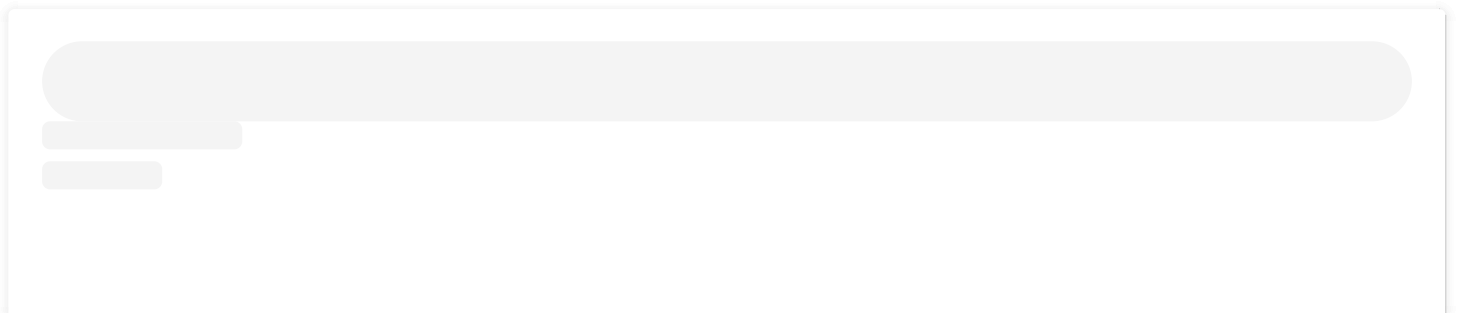
"She was a bright, beautiful and loving soul who cared deeply about others and who brought life to everything she touched. Her family asks for your understanding of their need for privacy at this time."

Preston was married to actor John Travolta, with whom she shared three children and collaborated on several films, including *The Experts*, *Battlefield Earth* and *Gotti*.

Travolta announced the death of his wife of 28 years on social media, saying that she fought courageously.

"My family and I will be forever grateful to her doctors and nurses at MD Anderson Cancer Center, all the medical centers that have helped, as well as her many friends and loved ones who have been by her side," he wrote on an Instagram post accompanying a picture of Preston. She reportedly had Stage IV [metastatic breast cancer](#).

Travolta wrote that Preston's love and life will always be remembered and that he would be taking time to provide emotional support to their children.





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It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you that my beautiful wife Kelly has lost her two-year battle with breast cancer. She fought a courageous fight with the love and support of so many. My family and I will forever be grateful to her doctors and nurses at MD Anderson Cancer Center, all the medical centers that have helped, as well as her many friends and loved ones who have been by her side. Kelly's love and life will always be remembered. I will be taking some time to be there for my children who have lost their mother, so forgive me in advance if you don't hear from us for a while. But please know that I will feel your outpouring of love in the weeks and months ahead as we heal. All my love, JT

A post shared by [John Travolta \(@johltravolta\)](#) on Jul 12, 2020 at 10:20pm PDT

Preston and Travolta's daughter, Ella, also shared some loving words about her mother.

"I have never met anyone as courageous, strong beautiful and loving as you. Anyone who is lucky enough to have known you or to have ever been in your presence will agree that you have a glow and a light that never ceases to shine and that makes anyone around you feel instantly happy. Thank you for being there for me no matter what. Thank you for your help and thank you for making this world a better place. You have made life so beautiful and I know you will continue to do so always. I love you so much mama."



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A post shared by [Ella Travolta \(@ella.travolta\)](#) on Jul 12, 2020 at 10:38pm PDT

Shania Twain, Russell Crowe, Demi Moore and Arnold Schwarzenegger were among the celebrities who paid their respects to Preston. “The world has lost one of the most beautiful, kind, generous, tender-loving souls that has graced this earth,” Moore wrote. “Rest easy @therealkellypreston, we will miss you.”

**I’m unbelievably saddened by the news that Kelly**

Preston has passed and at such a young age. A beautiful and kind person I was fortunate enough to have known. My heart breaks for John and the kids

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— Shania Twain (@ShaniaTwain) [July 13, 2020](#)

Kelly Preston.

Can't remember where, but, met first in late '92 I think.

Such a lovely person. In 1995 we auditioned together for Breaking Up, Salma Hayek got that gig.

I havent seen her much, but when I did, she was always the same sparkly eyed gem.

Love to her family.

R.I.P

— Russell Crowe (@russellcrowe) [July 13, 2020](#)

Kelly Preston was extraordinary. I was lucky enough to star with her and direct her, and her talent was off the charts. She had such a big heart, she was a wonderful wife and mother, and my thoughts are with John and the

whole family.

— Arnold (@Schwarzenegger) [July 13, 2020](#)



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A post shared by [Demi Moore \(@demimoore\)](#) on Jul 13, 2020 at 4:50pm PDT

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