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Star Trek Actress Passes at 89



Actor Nichelle Nichols, who played Lt. Ntoya Uhura on "Star Trek," waves as she arrives at the "Star Trek: 30 Years and Beyond" tribute at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles, Sunday, Oct. 6, 1996. Nichols died Saturday, July 30, 2022, her family said. She was 89. -AP Photo

AP) —Nichelle Nichols, who broke barriers for Black women in Hollywood as communications officer Lt. Uhura on the original "Star Trek" television series, has died at the age of 89.

Her son Kyle Johnson said Nichols died Saturday in Silver City, New Mexico.

"Last night, my mother, Nichelle Nichols, succumbed to natural causes and passed away. Her light however, like the ancient galaxies now being seen for the first time, will remain for us and future generations to enjoy, learn from, and draw inspiration," Johnson wrote on her official Facebook page Sunday. "Hers was a life well lived and as such a model for us all."

Her role in the 1966-69 series earned Nichols a lifelong position of honor with the series' rabid fans, known as Trekkers and Trekkies. It also earned her accolades for breaking stereotypes that had limited Black women to acting roles as servants and included an interracial onscreen kiss with co-star William Shatner that was unheard of at the time.

Soulful Artist's come together for concert

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their first single in almost 20 years, on the Bogi Music Group label.

Ronnie Laws is an award-winning tenor saxophonist and composer in the '80s. He was an international festival and club draw. Three singles from his first three albums all went gold, as did their respective long-players.

Although Laws has often

been characterized strictly as a "smooth jazz" artist, he might be the first instrumentalist to score hits in the emerging "quiet storm" subgenre of R&B. Signing to Eddie Holland's HDH label in 2004, he cut Everlasting, which hit number 39 on the jazz charts. Though Laws hasn't recorded an album since then, he continues to tour and do sessions work. In 2017, he dropped the R&B single "Settle Down" on the Bungalo/CIA label.



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