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Tuberculosis throughout History: *Famous* PEOPLE

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Eleanor Roosevelt was the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, holding the post from 1933 to 1945 during her husband Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms in office. In April 1960, Roosevelt was diagnosed with aplastic anemia. In 1962, she was given steroids, which activated a dormant case of bone marrow tuberculosis. Roosevelt died of resulting cardiac failure at her Manhattan home on November 7, 1962, at the age of 78.



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland in 1847. He was an eminent scientist, inventor, engineer, and innovator who is credited with inventing the first practical telephone in 1876. In 1888, Bell became one of the founding members of the National Geographic Society. When he was in his early 20s, his two brothers died of tuberculosis. Bell also had tuberculosis, and his father moved the family to Canada looking for a better climate in which to live. Bell eventually recovered from tuberculosis.

VIVIEN LEIGH

Vivien Leigh was an English actress best known for her performances as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone with the Wind" (1939) and Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951), winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for both. She suffered recurrent bouts of chronic tuberculosis, first diagnosed in the mid-1940s, which ultimately claimed her life at the age of 53 in 1967.



YUSUF ISLAM

Yusuf Islam (born Steven Demetre Georgiou), commonly known by his former stage name Cat Stevens, is a British singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, humanitarian, and education philanthropist. When he was 19, Islam contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalized. He says this period of illness and recovery forced him to re-evaluate his lifestyle.

DESMOND MPILO TUTU

Desmond Mpilo Tutu is a South African social rights activist and retired Anglican bishop who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. He was the first black South African Archbishop of Cape Town. A former tuberculosis sufferer, Tutu champions tuberculosis research and care, and he is the patron of the Tygerberg Children's Hospital. The Desmond Tutu TB Centre is an academic research center at Stellenbosch University's Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Faculty of Health Sciences.

