

Why I Love The Beatles! (And You Should Too)



The Beatles

Are you a Beatles Fan? If not you will be after reading this! I won't even go into detail about why they are the best band on earth, period, but they are all awesome musicians as solo artists. For over 50 years their music has inspired millions to this day!

You see, I wasn't born during the sixties or Beatlemania. In fact I knew nothing about The Beatles. I was Born in 1972 just after The Beatles broke up, and Paul McCartney's band Wings was formed. Ever since I was about two years old, I can clearly remember Macca's voice in my ear and I have completely loved him ever since. (hint, hint, My real last name is not McCartney!) But is a tribute to the awesomeness that is him.

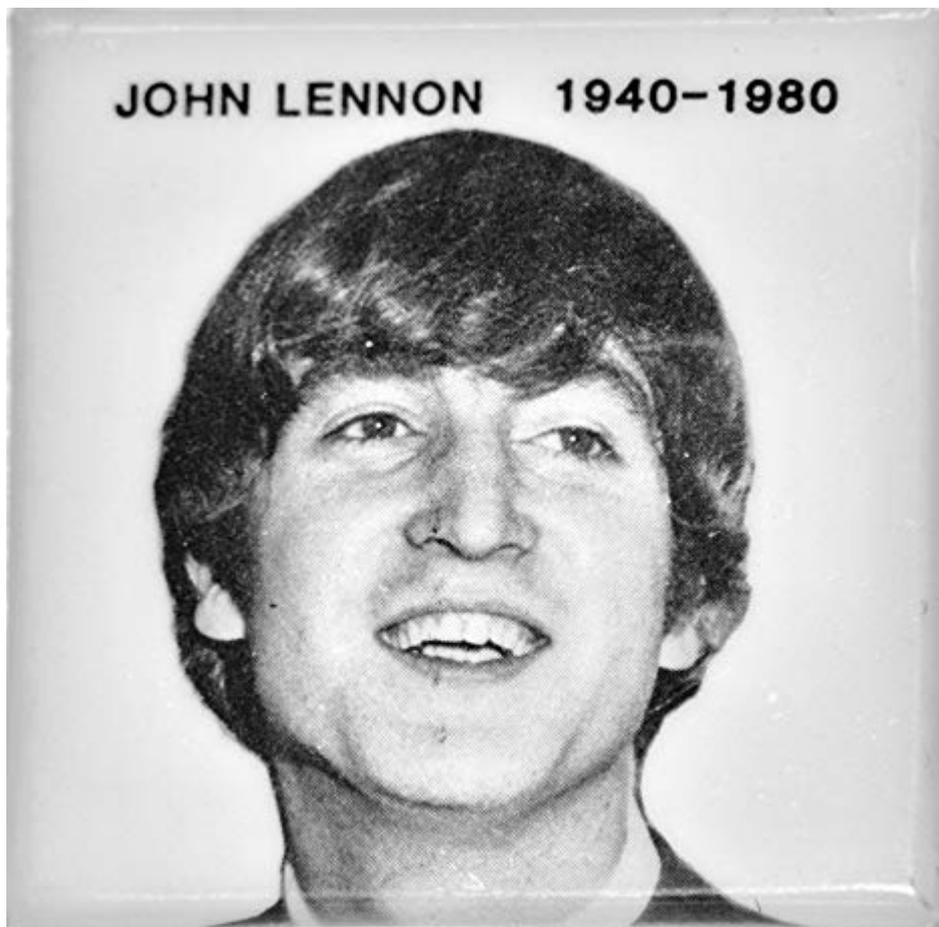


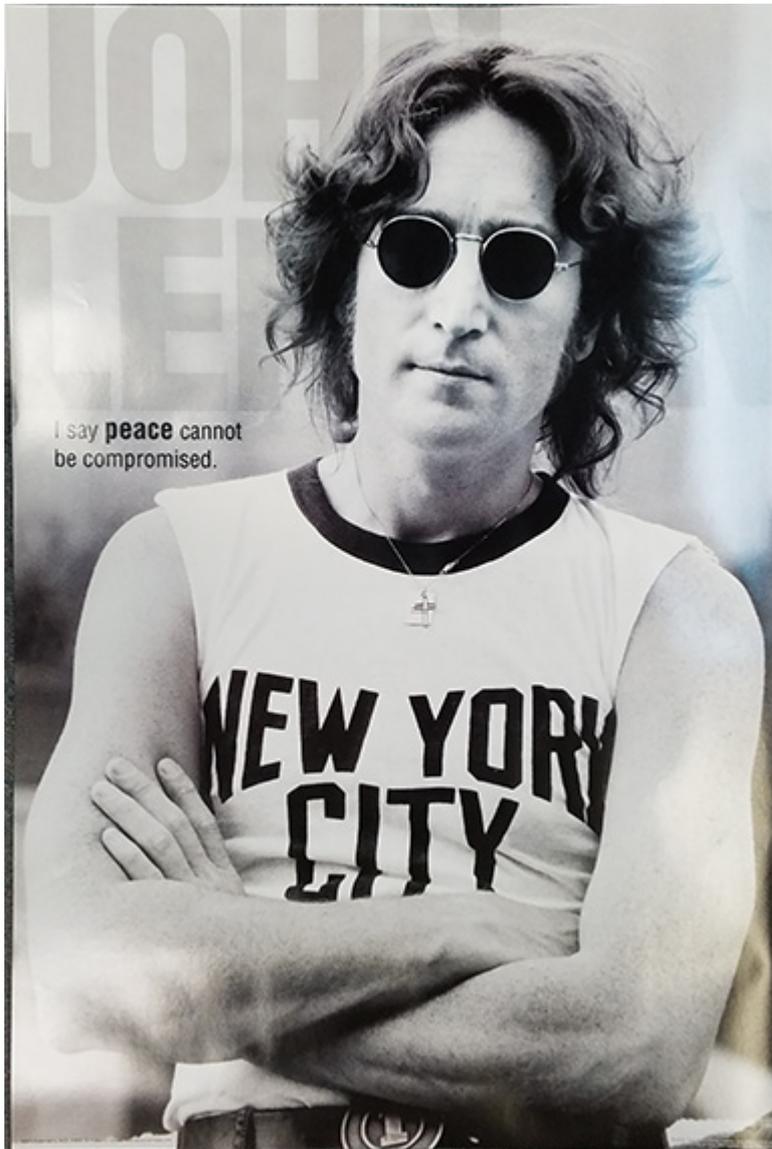
Young Paul McCartney (total hottie)

I also remember John Lennon's voice in my ears around the age of 5. Woman was at the top of the charts then and is still one of my favorite songs to this day. I will share a true story about how the Beatles first affected me in a deep and profound way.

When I was a kid we lived in New York and one day I walked to the store with my mom. She told me to wait outside while she went in, (it was safer back then in the 70's). Now in those days color TV sets were still displayed in store windows because they were kind of new, so people could go up to the store windows and watch. So there I was, this innocent little kid standing there waiting for my mom to come out of the store. All of a sudden, I could see people running through the streets screaming and crying. Frightened by everyone's reaction, I started crying as well which prompted my mom to run out the store frantically thinking something had happened to me.

JOHN LENNON 1940-1980



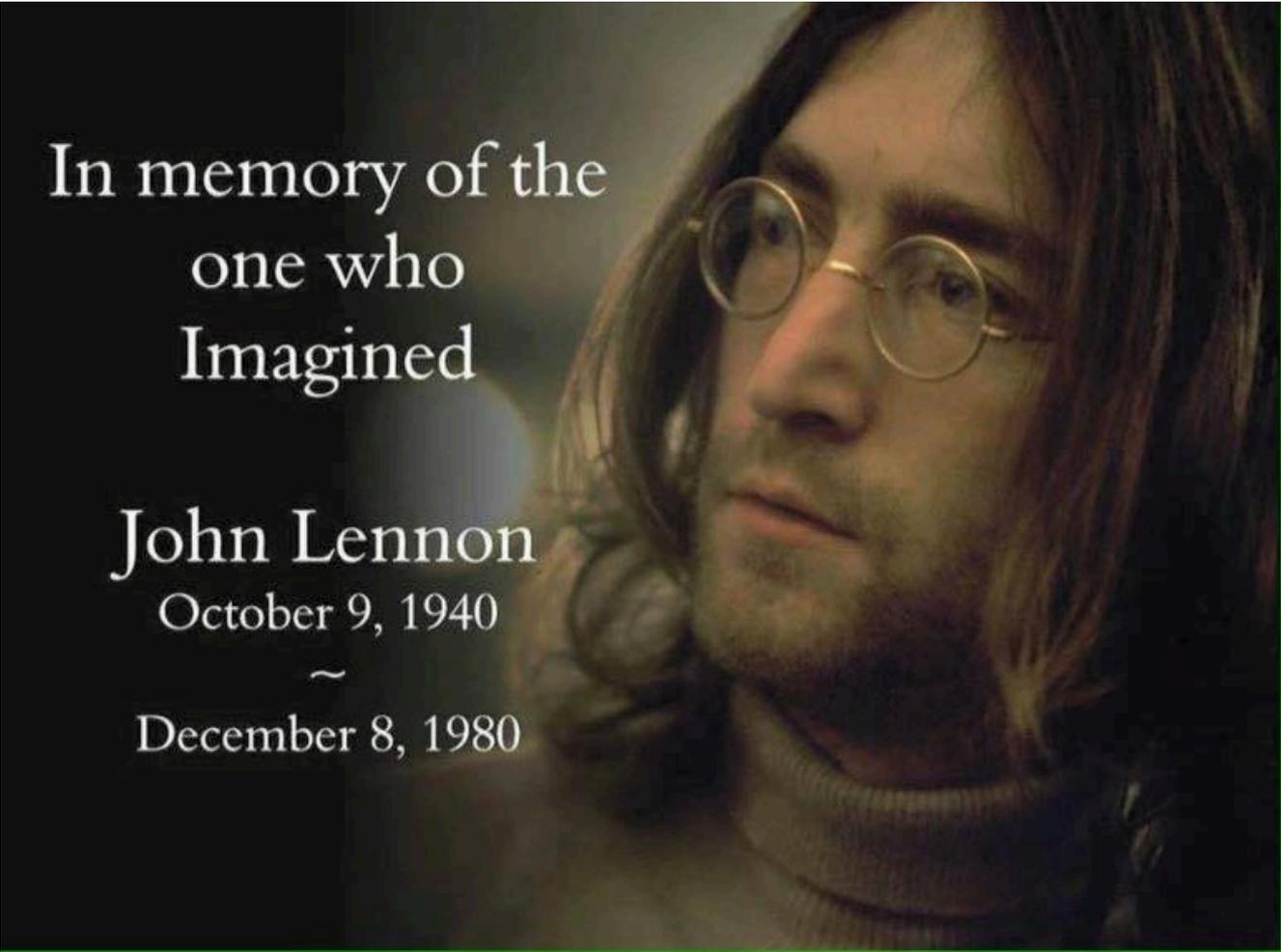


“What’s wrong she asked?” Before I could answer she looked around and saw everyone still crying running through the streets. A strange woman came up to her and said, “John’s dead! Someone shot him!” Think about that for a moment. No last name needed, just John, and mom instantly knew who this stranger was talking about!

My mom then began to cry, grabbed me and we gathered around a small crowd outside the store window watching the news about his death in horror. I still remember that feeling in my chest to this day. It was like the world stopped, and it did that day for John Lennon. I felt a heaviness in my heart as his songs began to play on the radio.



That was the first time I even learned about guns or the fact that someone could be murdered. In fact' that was the first time someone that I loved was killed. It was a different time back then. The world was still a little kinder, and people of all colors and races gathered that day for John, hugging and consoling each other, mourning together. What amazes me about Lennon, is the fact that he managed to accomplish so much in his short life span of only 40 years.



In memory of the
one who
Imagined

John Lennon

October 9, 1940

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December 8, 1980

That alone is why The Beatles are so awesome! They have a way of bringing people together, and listening to their music equals pure happiness! Back then I was too young to realize that they were all in one original band. I discovered them all one by one as solo artists, not realizing that they once performed all together as the greatest band ever!

John, Paul, George and Ringo will live forever in my heart. It still breaks my heart that George Harrison is gone and that there are only two precious legends left. George Harrison's "Something" and Ringo Starr's "Photograph" are just two of my favorite songs from their solo albums. (there are many more!) Their music reminds me of when the world was not so complicated.



Whenever I'm having a bad day, I watch their movies "A Hard Day's Night" or "Help." They always crack me up no matter how many times I have seen them. Naturally funny, it's nice to see some of their true personalities on screen. I love how they were brothers first, and then friends.



Paul In the movie Help

Many people were sad when the band broke up hoped for a reunion, but I look at it this way: Maybe they would not have gone on to be brilliant solo artists which gave them the opportunity to grow into their own careers. Maybe we wouldn't have The Traveling Wilburys or Wings, Ringo's All Starr Band, or The Very Best of John Lennon! His son Julian's music is pretty awesome too!



Whether you love them or not, their music is timeless. A gift that keeps on giving throughout the generations. Oh how I would have loved to be alive then back in the 60's! Thank goodness Beatlemania will never end! If you are not a fan, I hope one day soon you will become one. Don't miss out on all the joy their music has to offer, for some it is truly life changing. For me, I am forever inspired by the band, and the greatest song writing duo in history!