



# List of women with ovarian cancer

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List of notable women who have or had [ovarian cancer](#), whose illness attracted publicity.

- [Fakhriya Abdel Karim](#), [Iraqi](#) actress and political activist (died at age 63; see [\[1\]](#) [↗](#))
- [Glenda Adams](#), Australian novelist and writer (died at age 68)
- [Evelyn Ankers](#), American film actress (died at age 67)
- [Dr. Barbara Mary Ansell](#), British scientist and paediatric rheumatologist (died at age 78)
- [Maryam Babangida](#), [Nigerian](#) first lady (died at age 61; see [\[2\]](#) [↗](#))
- [Marina Baiul](#), mother of [Ukrainian](#) Olympic figure skater [Oksana Baiul](#) (died in 1991)
- [Eileen Barton](#), [Brooklyn](#)-born American singer (died at age 81)
- [Kathy Bates](#), Oscar-winning American actress, surviving
- [Laurie Beechman](#), American actress/singer (died at age 43)
- [Marcheline Bertrand](#), American film actress; mother of [Angelina Jolie](#) and [James Haven](#) (died at age 56)
- [Carol Bly](#), American short-story writer/essayist (died at age 77)
- [Raelene Boyle](#), Australian athlete; surviving
- [Clare Boylan](#), Irish writer (died at age 58)
- [Diem Brown](#) [↗](#), Reality TV star ([MTV](#)'s *The Real World* and *Road Rules*, as well as [MTV](#)'s documentary of her experience with the disease), surviving
- [Dorothy Brunson](#), American businesswoman; first African American woman to own radio and television stations (died at age 72)
- [Pam Brown](#), American politician (died at age 58)
- [Tina Brozman](#), American lawyer and judge (died at age 54)
- [Zenobia Camprubi Aymar](#), Spanish-born (of Catalan and Puerto Rican descent) writer, poet and translator (died at age 69)
- [Veronica Castang](#), British film, stage and television actress (died at age 50)
- [Jill Chaifetz](#), American lawyer and children's right advocate (died at age 41)
- [Carol Channing](#), American stage and musical comedy actress, surviving [\[1\]](#)
- [Cayle Chernin](#), Canadian actress, writer, and producer (died at age 63; see [\[3\]](#) [↗](#))
- [Caitlin Clarke](#), American actress (died at age 52)
- [Sister Sarah Clarke](#), [County Galway](#), [Ireland](#)-born Roman Catholic nun and [London](#)-based political activist during [The Troubles](#) (1980s-1990s); survived; died of from natural causes
- [Alma Cogan](#), English singer/entertainer (died at age 34)
- [Claudia Cohen](#), American socialite and journalist (died at age 56)
- [Dianna Cooley](#) [↗](#) in whose memory the ovarian cancer advocacy group [Dianna's Hope](#) in [Allen, Texas](#) was founded
- [Anita Connick](#), American lawyer, judge and [Louisiana Supreme Court](#) justice (died at age 55)
- [Maureen Connolly](#), tennis great; first woman to win four grand slam titles in one year (died age 34)
- [Helen Cresswell](#), British writer and author (died at age 71)
- U.S. Congresswoman [Rosa DeLauro](#), surviving
- [Mildred Dean](#), mother of American actor [James Dean](#); she died when Dean was 9 years old (see [\[4\]](#) [↗](#))
- [Amanda Dempsey](#), mother of American actor [Patrick Dempsey](#), surviving
- [Sandy Dennis](#), Oscar-winning American actress (died at age 54)
- [Diana Dors](#), British actress, also known as [Diana d'Ors](#) (died at age 52)
- [Sara Douglass](#), Australian fantasy writer (died at age 54)
- [Ann Dunham](#), mother of [Barack Obama](#) (died at age 52)
- [Doris Dungey](#), influential American blogger and analyst on economic and finance issues (died at age 47)
- [Patricia C. Dunn](#), American businesswoman and former [Hewlett-Packard](#) executive (died at age 58)[\[2\]](#)
- [Robert Eads](#), American female to male transsexual who was denied medical treatment for the cancer in the state of [Georgia](#) (died at age 53)
- [Lorraine Ellison](#), American soul singer (died at age 51)
- [Susan Fernandez Magno](#), Filipino singer, activist and academic (died at age 52)
- [Jeannie Ferris](#), Australian politician (died at age 66)
- [Patty Franchi Flaherty](#), founded [Ovations for the Cure](#) [↗](#) (died at age 53)
- [Susan Fleetwood](#), British film actress (died at age 51)
- [Rosalind Franklin](#), British physical chemist and crystallographer, linked with the discovery of the shape of the double helix of DNA (died at age 37)
- [Catherine Gaskin](#), Irish-Australian novelist (died at age 80)
- [Lynda Gibson](#), Australian comedian and actress (died at age 47)
- [Frances Ginsberg](#), American operatic soprano (died at age 55)
- [Debbie Goad](#), American journalist and magazine publisher (died at age 46)
- [Ella Grasso](#), American politician; first woman ever to be elected a state governor in the United States in her own right (died at age 61)
- [Nancy Graves](#), American sculptor, painter, printmaker, and filmmaker (died at age 55)
- [Marjorie Gross](#), Canadian comedian and television writer/producer (*Seinfeld*) (died at age 40)

- Linda Grover, American peace activist, founder of Global Family Day (died at age 76)
- Dolly Haas, German-American actress and singer (died at age 84)
- Joan Hackett, American actress (died at age 49)
- Cassandra Harris, Australian actress; wife of [Pierce Brosnan](#) (died at age 43)
- Josephine Hart, Irish-born British-based novelist (died at age 69)
- Joyce Hatto, British pianist (died at age 77)
- Dianne Heatherington, [Canadian](#) film and television actress (died at age 48)
- Sharon Tyler Herbst, American chef and cook-book author (died at age 64)
- Denise Jefferson, American dancer/director of the Ailey School (died at age 65; see [\[5\]](#))
- Madeline Kahn, American actress, singer and comedienne (died at age 57)
- Shizuko Kasagi, Japanese jazz singer and actress (died at age 70)
- Tomoko Kawakami, Japanese voice actress (died at age 40)
- Grace Keagy, American musical theatre, soap opera and television actress (died at age 87)
- Coretta Scott King, American civil rights activist; widow of the [Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) (died at age 78)
- Joyce Kulhawik, American film critic and Boston television personality; former TV co-host of movie critic [Leonard Maltin](#); surviving
- Sarabeth Kusick, wife of American baseball player [Craig Kusick](#) (died at age 56; her husband died from leukemia nine months following his wife's death)
- Francess Lantz, American librarian, novelist and writer (died at age 52)
- Evelyn Lauder, Vienna-born New York businesswoman, breast cancer awareness activist, and philanthropist (died at age 75)
- Dixie Lee, American singer and the 1st Mrs. [Bing Crosby](#) (died three days before her 41st birthday)
- Clarice Lispector, Brazilian prose writer (died at age 56)
- Mary I of England, née Mary Tudor (died either of uterine cancer or ovarian cancer aged 42)
- Nancy McDonald, American politician (died at age 72)
- Janet Margolin, American film, stage, and television actress (died at age 50)
- Heather Menzies, Canadian-born actress, most famous for portraying Louisa in *The Sound of Music*; widow of actor [Robert Urich](#); surviving
- Mary Millar, British actress, most famous as "Rose" from *Keeping Up Appearances* (died at age 62)
- Shannon Miller, American Olympic gold-medalist gymnast; surviving
- Suzanne Mizzi, British-Maltese glamour model, singer, interior designer and abstract artist (died at age 43)
- Miriam Mone, [County Armagh](#)-born Irish fashion designer (died at age 42)
- Helen Simpson Morosini, mother of the late American singer/actress/activist [Dana Reeve](#) (died at age 71)
- Bess Myerson, [Miss America](#) (1945), surviving
- Connie Needham, American dancer and former actress, surviving
- Akemi Negishi, [Japanese film actress](#) (died at age 73)
- Ursula Nordstrom, American book editor (died at age 78; see [\[6\]](#))
- Laura Nyro, American singer-songwriter (died at age 49; her own mother, Gilda Nigro, also died of ovarian cancer and at the same age as Nyro)
- Dawn O'Donnell, [Australian LGBT](#) rights activist, campaigner, and entrepreneur (died at age 79)
- Meryl O'Loughlin, American casting director and talent executive (died at age 73)
- Roberta "Bobbi" Olson, wife of [Lute Olson](#) (died at age 65; see [\[7\]](#))
- Mary Oppen, American activist, artist, photographer, poet and writer (died at age 81)
- Julie Parrish, American film, stage and television actress (died at age 62)
- Alice Pearce, American comedic stage, film and television actress (*Bewitched*) (died at age 48)
- Gilda Radner, American actress/comedienne (*Saturday Night Live*) (died at age 42)
- Patsy Ramsey, garnered notoriety (with her husband) following the 1996 murder of their daughter, [JonBenét](#) (died at age 49)
- Natalie "Nan" Cornell Rehnquist, wife of late [United States Supreme Court](#) Chief Justice [William Rehnquist](#) (died October 17, 1991)
- Judith Merkle Riley, American academic, educator and novelist (died at age 68; see [\[8\]](#))
- [Marsha Rivkin](#) for whom the **Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research** in [Seattle, Washington](#) was founded (died in 1993)
- Lou Halsell Rodenberger, American educator, professor, and journalist (died at age 82)
- Gillian Rose, British academic (died at age 48)
- Margi Scharff, American artist (died at age 52)
- Linda Scheid, American lawyer, activist and politician (died at age 68; the day before her 69th birthday)
- Dinah Shore, American singer and actress (died at age 77)
- Linda Smith, British actress/comedienne; head of the British Humanists' Association (died at age 48)
- Jessica Tandy, Oscar-winning (*Driving Miss Daisy*) British-born American stage and film actress (died at age 85)
- Liz Tilberis, British-born American-based fashionista/Editor-in-chief of *Harper's Bazaar* (died at age 51)
- Joyce Wadler, New York journalist and *New York Times* columnist; surviving
- Angela Winbush, [American rhythm and blues](#) vocalist; surviving
- Mari Yonehara, Japanese translator, essayist, non-fiction writer and novelist (died at age 56)
- Haydee Yorac, Filipino public servant, law professor and politician (died at age 64)
- Loretta Young, Oscar-winning (*The Farmer's Daughter*) American film and television actress (died at age 87)
- Yvonne Zanos, [American television journalist](#) (at [KDKA-TV](#); died at age 60)

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