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A FINAL FAREWELL To ARETHA FRANKLIN After Her Death To Pancreatic Cancer

Third US Leading Cause of Cancer Death

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This year, 55,000 People will be diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer, the Third Leading Cause of Cancer Death in the United States. The Disease is expected to become the Second Leading Cause of Cancer-Related Deaths in the U.S. by 2020.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) provides Information and Resources for People battling the Disease through its One-On-One Patient Central Support Service.

"PanCAN mourns the loss of Ms. Franklin to Pancreatic Cancer, a Disease with a Five-Year Survival Rate of just 9 Percent," said Julie Fleshman, JD, MBA, PanCAN President and CEO. "Additionally, African Americans have the Highest Incidence Rate of Pancreatic Cancer “ up to 59 Percent Higher than the Incidence Rates for other Racial and Ethnic Groups. This is why our mission to double Survival and find better Treatment Options is Urgent."

Aretha Franklin joins a Growing List of other Notable Public Figures, Actors and Musicians who've passed away from Pancreatic Cancer.

The Queen of Soul rose to Fame during America's Civil Rights Era. Many credit her with not only bridging the Gap between Racial Groups, but also for paving the Way for African American and Women Musicians. Her Arsenal of Hits includes Motown Favorites like "I Say a Little Prayer," "Respect" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman."

Over her Six Decade-Long Career, she received 18 Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (1987). In 2005, under President George W. Bush, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Highest Civilian Award of the United States.

Local Detroit Stations covered the Service Live.

PanCAN has an urgent Goal to improve Outcomes for Patients battling the Disease today and double Survival by 2020. The

Organization attacks Pancreatic Cancer using a Comprehensive Approach focused on Research, Clinical Initiatives, Patient Services and Advocacy.

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