

Muhammad Ali

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Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. was born on January 17, 1942, but later gained the nickname Muhammad Ali. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky. His mother's name was Odessa Grady Clay, and his father's name was Cassius Marcellus Clay. Sr. Rahman Ali was his only brother's name. When he was young, he got arrested. He got arrested for not joining the U.S. Army and got striped of his belt. The school he went to was Central High School. When he was 12, he started boxing. Muhammad Ali had his bike stolen by a guy named Martin. When Martin got arrested, he told Ali that he trains young people at a gym. Ali accepted it and that's how he started boxing. In his first amateur fight in 1954 he won. He kept on winning matches and winning titles. Muhammad Ali's amateur career lasted 4 years.

On a personal level, he got married to many people and got divorced a lot. He got married to Yolonda Williams, Veronica Porsche Ali, Belinda Boyd and Sonji Roi. He has a lot of kids. The kid's names are Laila Ali, Hana Ali, Miya Ali, Maryum Ali, Jamillah Ali, Rasheda Ali, Asaad Amin, Khaliah Ali and Muhammad Ali Jr.

Muhammad Ali is famous for boxing. Ali got a spot on the U.S Olympic boxing team in 1960. In his boxing career he was known for his lightning speed and fancy footwork. Ali beat Zbigneiw to win the light heavyweight medal for his team. He later became a professional boxer, and he beat Henry Cooper ,the British champion in 1963. He also beat Sonny Listen for the World heavyweight champion in 1964. During his boxing career he was known for phrases and colorful descriptions. An interesting fact about Muhammad Ali's career is that Ali suffered from a poison during his career.

Muhammad Ali won lots of awards like Arthur Ashe Courage Award in 1997, Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year in 1974, BET Humanitarian Award in 2002, NAACP Image Award in 2009, BBC Overseas Sport Personality Award in 1978, 1974 and 1973, and Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year in 1974. The last award he won is the Milliyet Sports Award for World Athlete of the Year in 1975 and 1976. At the age of 74, Muhammad Ali is still known for his boxing ability. He was a great boxer.

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