



Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

***FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #7***

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# Matthew Perry 'Friends' star, dead at 54

Cause of death  
being investigated

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LOS ANGELES — "Friends" star Matthew Perry, the Emmy-nominated actor whose sarcastic, but lovable Chandler Bing was among television's most famous and most quotable characters, has died at 54.

The actor was found dead at his Los Angeles home, according to coroner's records. An investigation into how Perry died is ongoing, and it may take weeks before his cause of death is determined.

Perry's body was found in a hot tub at his home, according to unnamed sources cited by the Los Angeles Times and celebrity website TMZ, which was the first to report the news. LAPD Officer Drake Madison told The Associated Press on Saturday that officers had gone to that block "for a death investigation of a male in his 50s."

"Matthew was an incredibly gifted actor and an indelible part of the Warner Bros. Television Group family," the company said in a statement. "The impact of his comedic genius was felt around the world, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of so many."

Perry's 10 seasons on "Friends" made him one of Hollywood's most recognizable actors, starring opposite Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matt LeBlanc, Lisa Kudrow and David Schwimmer as a friend group in New York.

As Chandler, he played the quick-witted, insecure and neurotic roommate of LeBlanc's Joey and a close friend of Schwimmer's Ross. During the show's hijinks, he could be counted on to come in with a line like "Could this BE any more awkward?" or another well-timed quip.

Perry was open about his long and public struggle with addiction, writing at the beginning of his 2022 million-selling memoir: "Hi, my name is Matthew, although you may know me by another name. My friends call me Matty. And I should be dead."

"Friends" ran from 1994 until 2004, winning one best comedy series Emmy Award in 2002. The cast notably banded together for later seasons to obtain a salary of \$1 million per episode for each.

Some of his "Friends" costars paid tribute on social media, posting photos, GIFs and videos from their favorite episodes.

"What a loss," actress Maggie Wheeler, who played his girlfriend Janice, wrote on Instagram. "The joy you brought to so many in your too short lifetime will live on. I feel very blessed by every creative moment we shared."

Actress Morgan Fairchild, who played his mother on the show, said the loss of a "brilliant young actor" was a shock.

"I'm heartbroken about the untimely death of my 'son,'" she wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.

By the "Friends" finale, Chandler is married to Cox's Monica and they have a family, reflecting the journey of the core cast from single New Yorkers trying to figure their lives out to several of them married and starting families.

The series was one of television's biggest hits and has taken on a new life — and found surprising popularity with younger fans — in recent years of streaming services.



Matthew Perry arrives at the premiere of "Ride" at The Arclight Hollywood Theater in Los Angeles. Perry, who starred Chandler Bing in the hit series "Friends," has died. He was 54. RICH FURY/INVISION/AP

ing services.

Perry described reading the "Friends" script for the first time in his memoir, "Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing."

"It was as if someone had followed me around for a year, stealing my jokes, copying my mannerisms, photocopying my world-weary yet witty view of life. One character in particular stood out to me: it wasn't that I thought I could 'play' Chandler. I 'was' Chandler."

Unknown at the time was the struggle Perry had with addiction and an intense desire to please audiences.

"Friends" was huge. I couldn't jeopardize that. I loved the script. I loved my co-actors. I loved the scripts. I loved everything about the show but I was struggling with my addictions which only added to my sense of shame," he wrote in his memoir. "I had a secret and no one could know."

"I felt like I was gonna die if the live audience didn't laugh, and that's not healthy for sure. But I could sometimes say a line and the audience wouldn't laugh and I would sweat and sometimes go into convulsions," Perry wrote. "If I didn't get the laugh I was supposed to get I would freak out. I felt that every single night. This pressure left me in a bad place. I also knew of the six people making that show, only one of them was sick."

He recalled in his memoir that Aniston confronted him about being inebriated while filming.

"I know you're drinking," he remembered her telling him once. "We can smell it," she said, in what Perry called a "kind of weird but loving way, and the plural 'we' hit me like a sledgehammer."

In the foreword to Perry's memoir, Lisa Kudrow de-

scribed him as "whip smart, charming, sweet, sensitive, very reasonable, and rational." She added, "That guy, with everything he was battling, was still there."

An HBO Max reunion special in 2021 was hosted by James Corden and fed into huge interest in seeing the cast together again, although the program consisted of the actors discussing the show and was not a continuation of their characters' storylines.

Perry received one Emmy nomination for his "Friends" role and two more for appearances as an associate White House counsel on "The West Wing."

Perry also had several notable film roles, starring opposite Salma Hayek in the rom-com "Fools Rush In" and Bruce Willis in the crime comedy "The Whole Nine Yards."

He worked consistently after "Friends," though never in a role that brought him as much attention or acclaim.

In 2015, he played Oscar for a CBS reboot of "The Odd Couple" that aired for two seasons. He told the AP that playing Oscar Madison, the character originally made famous in the 1960s series by Walter Matthau, was a "dream role." He also said he was surprised how much he enjoyed being filmed again in front of a live audience.

"I didn't realize I missed it really until it actually happened, til we actually shot the pilot and there was a studio audience there and I realized, 'Wow, I really like this. This is nice,'" he said. "You kind of ham up for the people in the audience. My performance never got better than when there was an audience there."

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## Perry remembered for his comedic genius

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USA TODAY

Adele, Shannen Doherty, Morgan Fairchild, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and "Saturday Night Live" are paying tribute to "Friends" actor Matthew Perry, who died Saturday at 54.

Adele delivered a lengthy remembrance at her Las Vegas residency after word broke of Perry's death. He was so open with his struggles with addiction and sobriety, which I think is incredibly, incredibly brave," she told her audience.

Doherty, who appeared opposite Perry on "Beavis and Butt-Head," described them as "lifelong friends." She shared a throwback photo on Instagram of the two.

"We were a gang way back. ... We just supported each other. You would be us all together in a booth speaking in our own language," she wrote. "I could be more poetic and say things better but right now, shock and sadness are my only vail."

"SNL" paid respects by flashing a picture of Perry onscreen just before the evening's guest host, comedian Nate Bargatze, signed off live from the stage. Perry hosted "SNL" in October 1997.

Fairchild, 73, who played Chandler's TV mom on the hit NBC series, wrote a tribute on X, formerly known as Twitter.

"I'm heartbroken about the untimely death of my 'son' Matthew Perry," Fairchild wrote. "The loss of such a brilliant young actor is a shock. I'm sending love & condolences to his friends & family, especially his dad, John Bennett Perry, who I worked with on Flamingo Road & Falcon Crest. #RIPMatthew."

Actress Maggie Wheeler, 62, who starred as Perry's on-screen girlfriend Janice Hosenstein throughout the 10-season run of "Friends," from 1994 to 2004, posted a tribute on Instagram featuring the TV couple in happy times.

"What a loss. The world will miss you Mathew Perry," Wheeler wrote. "The joy you brought to so many in your too short lifetime will live on. I feel so very

blessed by every creative moment we shared."

"He was, and I use this term rarely, a genius," Rainn Wilson wrote on Instagram. Chandler was one of the all-time great characters and his ability to spin a slightly funny line into absolute comedy gold was unsurpassed."

Rumer Willis recalled being on the set of "The Whole Nine Yards" and sequel "The Whole Ten Yards" with Perry and her dad, Bruce Willis. "He was so kind and funny and sweet with my sisters and me," she wrote in an Instagram Story. "That movie still makes me laugh so much."

Trudeau, who went to school with Perry, posted on X: "Matthew Perry's passing is shocking and saddening. I'll never forget the schoolyard games we used to play, and I know people around the world are never going to forget the joy he brought them. Thanks for all the laughs, Matthew. You were loved — and you will be missed."

The account for the Ottawa Senators posted on X: "Saddened to learn about the passing of Matthew Perry, one of Ottawa's proudest sons and the biggest hockey fan."

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Film star Julia Roberts poses with actor Matthew Perry (who plays Chandler) on the set of the NBC series "Friends." Several celebrities paid tribute to Perry after hearing news of his death. AP PHOTO/BRI  
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