

Close in life, she wants to be close to her mom in death too, says a pal ...

Liza to dig up Judy Garland's body



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Liza Minnelli plans to have the body of her mother, legendary singer Judy Garland, disinterred in New York and brought to Los Angeles to be reburied at the celebrated Hollywood Forever cemetery, says a source.

Judy was 47 when she died in 1969 of an accidental overdose of sleeping pills, and was laid to rest at Ferncliff Cemetery and Mausoleum in upstate New York. "Liza was 23 at the time, and was the executor of Judy's will," a Minnelli family friend told *The National Enquirer*.

"Judy had wanted to be cremated, but her two younger children, Lorna and Joey Luft, who were 15 and 12 at the time, were so horrified at the thought of cremation that Liza agreed to bury her."

Now, said the friend, Liza wants her mother to be close to her family — three of Judy's five husbands, her father, mother, and

grandmother are all buried in Los Angeles.

"Now Liza is even considering having Hollywood Forever build a family crypt for all of them," said the friend.

"Liza originally chose to bury Judy in New York because she felt that her Hollywood friends had abandoned her when she needed them most."

"Liza's father, director Vincente Minnelli, did not even attend the funeral because he said it would be a spectacle."

Judy was married five times, the last to nightclub owner Mickey Deans. It was Deans who found her dead in their London home, sitting on the toilet.

An autopsy showed Judy died of an overdose of Seconal.

Her body was flown to New York City where Campbell's Funeral Chapel stayed open 24 hours to accommodate more than 22,000 fans that

FAST FACT

Judy's portrayal of Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* was the inspiration for the character Mary Ann on the hit television show *Gilligan's Island*



FULL CIRCLE: Judy in performance and with Liza, below center. Below right, *The National Enquirer* reports Judy didn't receive a proper burial



formed a mile-long line.

The next year, *The National Enquirer* discovered that Judy's body been lying in a temporary casket storage room for 10 months under label "Judy Garland Deans."

We shocked the world with headline "Judy Garland Is Still Buried."

According to the friend: "Judy flat broke and in debt when she and Deans claimed to be unable come up with the money to bury her."

"When Liza learned of that, she immediately set about raising the money, and soon after, Judy was buried."
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