

Marilyn Monroe

Marilyn Monroe was born to a single mother in 1926 in California. Her real name was Norma Jean Baker. Her mother had _____ and Norma Jean lived with 12 different _____. When she was 16, she married a neighbor to avoid going into an orphanage.

During the Second World War, men like Norma Jean's husband left home to help with the _____, while women like Norma Jean worked in factories. A photographer working on a magazine story about female factory workers _____ her, and the story led to modeling work.

Eventually, Norma Jean decided to make _____ her main career, and she divorced her husband, changed her name to _____, and began to work for the film company 20th Century Fox. Monroe became very popular and performed in more important roles, developing an image as a _____ and _____. She was _____ to baseball player Joe DiMaggio in 1954. Monroe then decided that she wanted to study acting seriously and moved to New York. She returned to Hollywood and made a number of iconic movies that showed her talents as a comedian. One movie, _____, included the classic scene where her skirt is lifted by hot air from a street vent. The late 1950s were the happiest years of Monroe's film career. She won a Golden Globe Award in 1959.

During this time, she was married to writer Arthur Miller, who created *The Misfits* for her _____. After she and Miller divorced in 1961, there were _____ that she _____ with U.S. President John F. Kennedy. This was a difficult time for Monroe, and she had a _____.

She died of an overdose of _____ in 1962.