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Dolly Parton is an iconic country music star, actress, and businesswoman. She has sold over 100 million records worldwide, won numerous awards, and starred in several films. This article takes a look at her life and career, from her humble beginnings in the Smoky Mountains to her rise to stardom.

## Early Life

Dolly Parton was born on January 19, 1946, in Locust Ridge, Tennessee. She was the fourth of twelve children born to Avie Lee and Robert Lee Parton. The family lived in a small cabin on a mountaintop, and Dolly often had to share a bed with her siblings. Despite her humble beginnings, Dolly was a happy and outgoing child. She loved to sing and play guitar, and she often performed for her family and friends.

When Dolly was eight years old, her family moved to Sevierville, Tennessee. She continued to sing and play guitar, and she began to write

her own songs. In 1964, she graduated from Sevier County High School and moved to Nashville to pursue her music career.

## **Career**

Dolly Parton's career began in Nashville, where she sang and played guitar in local clubs. In 1967, she signed a contract with Monument Records and released her debut album, *Hello, I'm Dolly*. The album was a success, and Dolly soon became known for her unique vocal style and her ability to write catchy songs.

In the early 1970s, Dolly Parton began to achieve mainstream success. She released a number of hit songs, including "Jolene," "I Will Always Love You," and "9 to 5." She also starred in several films, including *9 to 5* (1980) and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1982).

Dolly Parton's career has continued to thrive over the years. She has released over 50 albums and starred in over 30 films. She has also won numerous awards, including the Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year award eight times and the Grammy Award for Best Country Album three times.

## **Personal Life**

Dolly Parton has been married to Carl Dean since 1966. The couple has no children. Dolly is a devout Christian, and she often speaks about her faith in her music and in interviews.

Dolly Parton is a generous philanthropist. She has donated millions of dollars to charities, including the Dollywood Foundation, which provides financial assistance to families in need.

## **Legacy**

Dolly Parton is one of the most successful and influential country music stars of all time. She has sold over 100 million records worldwide, won numerous awards, and starred in several films. She is also a generous philanthropist, and she has donated millions of dollars to charities.

Dolly Parton is a true icon, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

## **Additional Resources**

- [Dolly Parton's official website](#)
- [Dolly Parton's Wikipedia page](#)
- [Dolly Parton's Britannica page](#)



Dolly Parton is a true rags-to-riches story. She grew up in poverty, but she never gave up on her dreams. She worked hard, and she eventually achieved great success. Dolly Parton is an inspiration to us all, and her story shows us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it.

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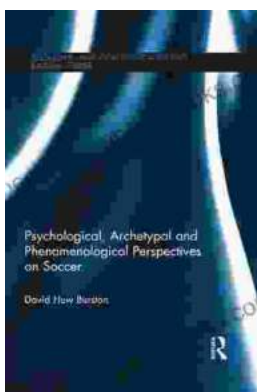


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