

The Betty White Award

The Betty White Award goes to a person or a set of people who died towards the end of the year, and hence are not on those *people we lost this last year* lists that stupidly come out **before the year is over**.

I invented the award in 2023; however I then looked on the web to see who would have won it in the years 2000 on.

1 2000-2010

year	Winner	Death Day	Age	known for
2000	Victor Borge	Dec 23	91	Musical Comedian
2000	Alan Cranston	Dec 31	86	Former Senator
2001	Foster Brooks	Dec 20,	89	Actor and Comedian
2002	NOBODY			
2003	Jerry Orbach	Dec 28	69	Actor: Law and Order
	Susan Sontag	Dec 28	71	Author and activist
2004	NOBODY			
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2006	James Brown	Dec 25	73	Singer
2006	Gerald Ford	Dec 26	93	Former President
2006	Martin Kruskal	Dec 26	26	Mathematician
2006	Saddam Hussein	Dec 30	69	Dictator of Iraq
2007	NOBODY			
2008	Samuel Huntington	Dec 24	81	Political Scientist
2008	Harold Pinter	Dec 24	78	Playwright
2008	Eartha Kitt	Dec 25	81	Actress
2008	Donald Westlake	Dec 31	75	Writer
2009	NOBODY			
2010	Steven Landesberg	Dec 20	74	Actor-Barney Miller

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2 2011-2020

2011	James Baumgartner	Dec 28	68	Math-Logic
2012	Jean Harris	Dec 23	89	Killed Scarsdale diet Doctor
2012	Jack Klugman	Dec 24	90	Actor-The Odd Couple
2012	Norman Schwarzkopf	Dec 27	78	General
2013	Mikhail Kalashnikov	Dec 23	94	Designed AK-47
2014	NOBODY			
2015	Meadowlark Lemon	Dec 27	83	Harlem Globetrotter
2015	Wayne Rogers	Dec 31	82	Actor—MASH
2016	George Michael	Dec 25	53	Singer
2016	Petr Hajek	Dec 26	76	Math-Logic
2016	Carrie Fisher	Dec 27	60	Actress-Star Wars
2016	Debbie Reynolds	Dec 28	84	Actress, Singer, Dancer
2016	William Christopher	Dec 31	84	Actor—MASH
2017	Bernard Law	Dec 20	86	Archbishop-Scandal
2017	Su Grafton	Dec 28	77	Crime Novelist
2018	Jean Bourgain	Dec 22	74	Math-Analysis-Fields Medal
2019	Don Imus	Dec 27	79	Radio DJ
2019	Neil Innes	Dec 29	75	Comedian-Monty Python, Rutles
2020	Phil Niekro	Dec 26	81	Baseball player
2020	William Link	Dec 27	87	TV writer
2020	Dawn Wells	Dec 30	82	Actress-Gilligan's Island

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3 2021-2030

2021	Desmond Tutu	Dec 26	90	Bishop and Civil Rights Activist
2021	Harry Reid	Dec 28	82	Former Senate Majority Leader
2021	Betty White	Dec 31	99	Actress
2022	Franco Harris	Dec 20	72	Football player
2022	Pele	Dec 29	82	Soccer Player
2022	Barbara Walters	Dec 30	93	TV Journalist
2022	Pope Benedict	Dec 31	95	Emeritus Pope
2023	Tommy Smothers	Dec 26	86	Comedian and Musician
2024	Ricky Henderson	Dec 20	65	Baseball Player
2024	Jimmy Carter	Dec 29	100	Former President
2024	Manmohan Singh	Dec 26	92	Former Prime Minister of India
2025	Brigitte Bardot	Dec 28	91	Actress, Singer, Model, Animal Rights Activist