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# Disney's Mufasa Voted Most Iconic Death Scene in Film as Nation Chooses Top 10

*A new study conducted by a UK provider of funeral plans has revealed that the death of the Lion King's patriarch, Mufasa, has been voted as the number one iconic death scene in film. The list also included scenes such as Jack Dawson's death from Titanic, Noah and Allie in the Notebook and Marion Crane's death at the hands of Patrick Bates in Psycho. The majority of respondents who put forward their memorable scenes said they made their choice because they found them 'very moving'.*

New research from a UK provider of funeral plans has revealed that the death of Mufasa in Disney's 'The Lion King' has been voted as the most memorable death scene in a film, as the top ten is revealed. Bambi's Mother and Sergeant Howie in the Wicker Man were also in the top 10, with almost a third of respondents basing their choices on the fact the chosen scene evoked memories.

The study, conducted by [www.perfectchoicefunerals.com](http://www.perfectchoicefunerals.com), polled 2,246 British adults, all aged 18 or over, with an even split of male and female respondents. The survey was conducted as part of research into the attitudes of the British public towards death and, in particular, how it is depicted in films and on TV.

Initially, all participants were asked whether there were any death scenes from films that they thought were particularly memorable, to which 64% said that there were. These respondents were then asked to provide details of films they thought were particularly iconic/memorable and to state the specific scenes. Respondents were able to select or state all answers that they felt were applicable, revealing the below top 10:

- 1) Mufasa: The Lion King – 45%
- 2) Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio): Titanic – 39%
- 3) Marion Crane (Janet Leigh): Psycho – 37%
- 4) Noah & Allie (James Garner & Gena Rowlands): The Notebook – 34%
- 5) Romeo & Juliet (Leonardo DiCaprio & Claire Danes): Romeo & Juliet – 26%
- 6) Bambi's Mother: Bambi – 23%
- 7) John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan): The Green Mile – 21%
- 8) Kane (John Hurt): Alien – 18%
- 9) Sgt. Elias (Willem Dafoe): Platoon – 14%
- 10) Sergeant Howie (Edward Woodward): The Wicker Man – 11%

In order to understand respondents' answers further, the survey then asked the same group of people what they had found particularly memorable about the scene(s) they selected. Again, respondents were able to select more than one answer. The majority (35%) stated that they had found their selected scene(s) 'very moving', 29% stated that it had 'evoked memories', 25% said that the death had been unexpected and 21% were shocked by the scene.



All those who had said the scene had evoked memories were then asked who the memory had been of. The majority (48%) revealed that it had been a memory of a family member, 29% said that it was a memory of a friend and 16% revealed that it had reminded them of a colleague. When questioned, it was revealed that 65% of Britons had previously cried at a death scene in a film.

Michael Liddle from Neville Funeral Service Ltd, a local independent funeral director based in Beds, Herts and Bucks who offers Perfect Choice funeral plans said:

“Whilst watching films, it’s quite common for the viewers to invest emotionally in the story, so it is no wonder so many people have a memorable scene that they find emotive. As the results have shown, many of these films and death scenes evoke memories in us of those closest to us, especially if the memory is a raw one.

Judging by the selections that have been made, these scenes seem to be closely linked to memories, family and friends, with very few from the world of sci-fi or horror. Those making these films seem to be able to tap in to the inner most fears and deepest emotional levels of their viewers, which is why so many find these scenes moving.”

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