

A Royal Send-Off For Lemmy

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The memorial service and celebration of the life of the **Motörhead frontman** was **broadcast live** on YouTube from Los Angeles on Saturday; at one time over a quarter of a million people were watching. There were tributes galore from friends, family and contemporaries including his son Paul, Mikki Dee, guitarist Slash, and the rock band's manager Todd Singerman who acted as master of ceremonies.

There were anecdotes galore – many of them unprintable! There was also quite a lot of religious and not just spiritual content, which strangely didn't seem at all out of character for the funeral of one of the world's most famous agnostics.

Around 1am Sunday (London time), there were problems with the audio, but the livestream was shortly over. Charitable donations in Lemmy's name may be sent to the **Ronnie James Dio Stand Up And Shout Cancer Fund**. For non-rockers, **Dio** was the

legendary vocalist, who worked with both **Ritchie Blackmore** and **Black Sabbath**. He died in May 2010, aged 67.

Lemmy has a fair number of entries in the *Internet Movie Database*, and there will doubtless be a few more in the years to come, documentaries featuring archive footage. It remains to be seen if there will at some point be a biopic, because it would be an extremely difficult casting.

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