

George Barris

George Barris photographed Marilyn Monroe and was from New York City before World War II.

Barris had a lifelong interest in photography, and as a young man he worked for the U.S. Army's Office of Public Relations. Many of his photographs of General Dwight D. Eisenhower were published.

After the war, he became a freelance photographer and readily found work in Hollywood. He photographed many stars of the 1950s and 1960s, including Elizabeth Taylor on the set of Cleopatra.

He is perhaps best known for his work with his good friend Marilyn Monroe, with whom he was collaborating on a book at the time of her death. George Barris did in fact take the last photograph of Marilyn Monroe on July 13, 1962. It is often mistakenly believed that photographer Allan Grant was the last to photograph Monroe but Grant took his last picture on July 7, 1962 for a Life Magazine article. This article was printed on August 3, just one day before Monroe's death.

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