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DARLENE LOVE

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Darlene Wright born July 26, 1941, known by her stage name, Darlene Love, is an American popular music singer and actress. She was the lead singer of the girl group the Blossoms and she also recorded as a solo artist. She began singing as a child with her local church choir. In 1962, she began recording with producer Phil Spector who renamed her Darlene Love. Hers was the voice that helped launch a hundred hits: the No. 1 He's a Rebel, Today I Met the Boy I'm Gonna Marry, He's Sure the Boy I Love and Christmas Baby Please Come Home, all of which she sang for the legendary producer Phil Spector during the glory days of the girl-group era, as well as countless songs she sang backup on for artists like Sam Cooke, Elvis Presley, Dionne Warwick, Cher and Aretha Franklin. The New York Times said is as embedded in the history of rock and roll as Eric Clapton's guitar and Bob Dylan's lyrics. Ranked among Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Singers, Love was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011. Love is featured in the Oscar-winning documentary film 20 Feet from Stardom, for which she won a Grammy Award. Darlene Love lives in Rockland County.