



## Josephine Baker

*Civil Rights Activist*

June 3, 1906 to April 12, 1975

The American-born French entertainer and civil rights activist was unabashed by conservative mores of the time and became an international symbol of Black culture.

### *Did you know?*

- \* Despite marrying several different men, Baker also had several relationships with woman, including blues singer Clara Smith.
- \* To escape racism, discrimination, and segregation, Baker left the United States in 1925 for Paris, France. There, she became one of the most famous woman in Europe.
- \* After Hitler conquered France during World War II, Baker worked as a spy, helping French and American resistance to the occupying Nazi regime.

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