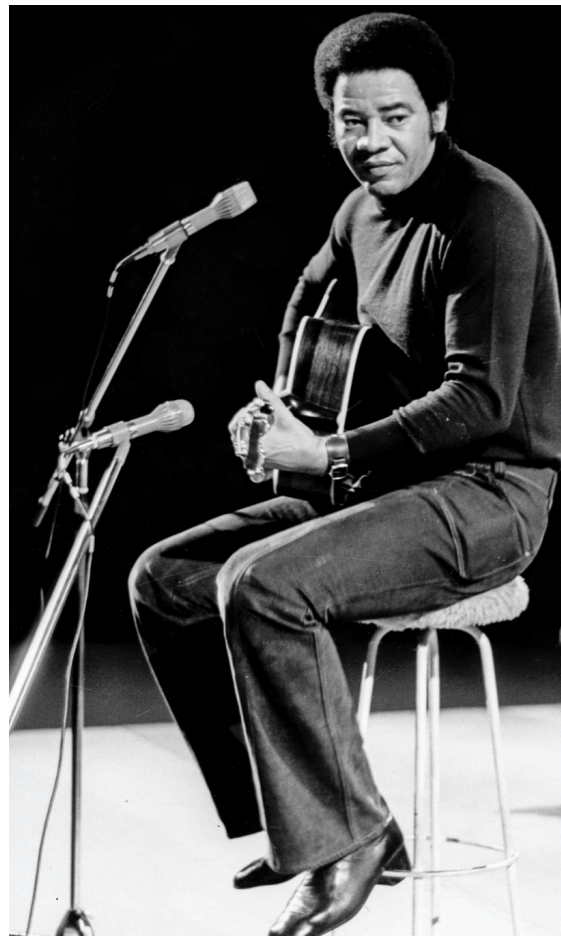


**William Harrison Withers Jr.**  
(July 4, 1938 – March 30, 2020)

Bill Withers was an American singer-songwriter and musician. He recorded several major hits, including "[Ain't No Sunshine](#)" (1971), "[Grandma's Hands](#)" (1971), "[Use Me](#)" (1972), "[Lean on Me](#)" (1972), "[Lovely Day](#)" (1977), and "[Just the Two of Us](#)" (1980). Withers won three [Grammy Awards](#) and was nominated for six more. His life was the subject of the 2009 documentary film [Still Bill](#). He was inducted into the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in 2015.

Withers worked as a professional musician for just 15 years, from



1970 to 1985, after which he moved on to other occupations.

Withers married actress [Denise Nicholas](#) in 1973, during her stint on the sitcom [Room 222](#).<sup>[6]</sup> The couple made headlines following reports of [domestic violence](#). They divorced in 1974.

In 1976, Withers married Marcia Johnson. They had two children, Todd and Kori. Marcia eventually assumed the direct management of his Beverly Hills–based publishing companies, in which his children also became involved as they became adults.

Of all his great works, my favorite is Ain't No Sunshine and

Grammy nominations for Bill Withers

Year	Nominee / work	Award	Result
1971	" <a href="#">Ain't No Sunshine</a> "	<a href="#">Best Rhythm &amp; Blues Song</a>	Won
1971	Bill Withers	<a href="#">Grammy Award for Best New Artist</a>	Nominated
1971	" <a href="#">Ain't No Sunshine</a> "	<a href="#">Best Pop Vocal Performance Male</a>	Nominated
1981	" <a href="#">Just the Two of Us</a> "	<a href="#">Best Rhythm &amp; Blues Song</a>	Won
1981	" <a href="#">Just the Two of Us</a> "	<a href="#">Grammy Award for Song of the Year</a>	Nominated
1981	" <a href="#">Just the Two of Us</a> "	<a href="#">Grammy Award for Record of the Year</a>	Nominated
1981	" <a href="#">Just the Two of Us</a> "	<a href="#">Best Pop Vocal Performance Male</a>	Nominated
1984	" <a href="#">In the Name of Love</a> " (feat. <a href="#">Ralph MacDonald</a> )	<a href="#">Grammy Award for Best Male R&amp;B Vocal Performance</a>	Nominated
1987	" <a href="#">Lean on Me</a> "	<a href="#">Best Rhythm &amp; Blues Song</a>	Won

Lean On Me. There are few songs that just make you think and sing as soon as you hear it. These are two of them. It will be a long time before a Bill Withers will cross the musical world again.

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*Bill Sommerville*

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