

# James Darren

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Philadelphia native, teen idol, singer and director, James Darren, has died. He was 88. Darren helped ignite the 1960s surfing craze with his role as Moondoggie in the "Gidget" films. Darren also acted in T.J. Hooker & Star Trek Deep Space Nine, and directed TV shows. A mural at Broad and Tasker Streets features Darren's picture along with fellow heartthrobs of the 1950s and '60s from South Philadelphia.



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