



~ Richard Roundtree

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Actor Richard Roundtree died on October 24, 2023. The star of the "Shaft" franchise was 81. Through his action-packed portrayal of Detective John Shaft, Roundtree transitioned the Black male movie lead from the safe, upright roles of Sidney Poitier to the Blaxploitation prototype of a fist-fighting hero with 007-like sexiness. To the younger generation of viewers, he was the consummate calm dad; to their parents, he was a screen badass.



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