

Henrietta Lacks Video

How old was Henrietta when she died?

Henrietta died at 31 from Cervical cancer, she was a tobacco farmer, & mother of 5 children. Died at Oct, 9, 1951

Why did the Scientists want her cells?

Scientists took some of her cells when she was at the hospital for cancer at age 30. Scientist were testing cells at the time, been trying to keep cells alive for longer & grow them.

who has benefits from this?

Her cells grew & stayed alive, also reproduce, she's the first one with that now named HeLa cells. HeLa cells are very important to scientists. Her cells are still reproducing today.

Are her cells ^{still} alive?

HeLa cells are used world wide. There is a lot of money made from her cells. The family now doesn't get any of the money. But they're still happy that she made such a difference.

How does her family feel about this?

Summary: Henrietta Lacks was a tobacco farmer with Cervical cancer at age 30. While she was in the hospital treating this, scientist took some of her cells without her knowing. Then it shown that her cells are the first in history to stay alive & reproduce. She died at 31 yrs, But today people are still using her cells