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Civil Rights Icon John Lewis Dead at 80

It is with great sadness to report the passing of U.S. Rep. John Lewis. He fought many battles as the US Representative for Georgia's 5th Congressional District for the past three decades. And he went out fighting like he has been doing all his life, however, the fight against stage 4 pancreatic cancers, proved to be too much but he never quit. "I have been in some kind of fight for freedom, equality, basic human rights for nearly my entire life, I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now," John Lewis.

In 1965, he survived an atrocious beating by police in a peaceful march in Selma, Alabama. It was there that he lead a march for voting rights on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where he and others were attacked and he suffered a fractured skull. He joined the Freedom Riders in challenging segregated buses and was one of the keynote speakers at the historic 1963 March on Washington.



America was given a reflection of the "Bloody Sunday" incidents which rocked the Nation and help propel support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Despite the attack, Lewis never stopped to help all those that needed help. He helped to fight poverty, improving education and health care for all Americans. Many years later he was visited by a man in his 70's and he came to apologize to Lewis for beating him while he was on a bus. That man was a member of the KKK and he apologized for his actions in the 60's.

What this nation needs is for all races and peoples to come together and help fabricate a common thread of unity to renew the heartbeat of this country and be one that truly forgives and not take back their word of forgiveness.