

## 10 Celebrity Grandparents World Loves



Some, you just figure they're grandparents.

Others, you raise your eyebrows and say, "No, way. They're not grandparents already... are they?"

Yeah, celebrities are grandparents, too. And here are ten whom we love (in no particular order) because, well, they love to be grandparents.

### **SOCK IT TO ME, (GRAND)BABY**

#### **Goldie Hawn**

Goldie Hawn — the "sock it to me" girl from the 1960s hit TV show *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* turned actress — just might be the hottest grandmother out there.

At 62, Hawn is grandmother to two boys: Ryder Russell Robinson, now 4, from her daughter Kate Hudson's marriage to Black Crowes frontman Chris Robinson, and to Wilder Brooks Hudson, just 9-months-old, from her son Oliver Hudson's marriage to actress Erinn Bartlett. Ryder calls Hawn "Gogo." Shortly after he was born, Hawn said the word "grandmother" never bothered her. "We could think 'grandmother' and think it's really old — or actually much younger. I just rip those titles away," she told World Entertainment News Network. "I love being a grandmother. When I was pregnant I knew the exact right thing to do, having a baby, and I feel exactly the same about being a grandmother."

### **SWEET EMOTION**

#### **Steven Tyler**

The coolest gramps in the world? Maybe.

At 60, Tyler and Aerosmith are still rockin' out. In fact, his daughter, actress Liv Tyler, brought her son, 3-year-old Milo, to catch an Aerosmith show in Toronto

last September, where the legendary crooner got down on one knee to serenade his grandson (who, thankfully, was wearing protective headphones).

After living the life of a rock star, Tyler has settled easily into grandparenthood. “Check that out, a grandfather,” Tyler told Tv.com last year. “Strange how life works. One day you are in a haze, the next you are a family man.”

## **APPLE (AND MOSES) OF HER EYE**

**Blythe Danner**

She is class personified. Actress Blythe Danner, mother to Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow, has two grandchildren — granddaughter Apple, 4, and grandson Moses, 2. Dad is Paltrow’s husband, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin.

In 2006, Danner told *Ladies' Home Journal* she couldn't wait to be a grandmother. “[Friends] would say, ‘It's a love you can't describe,’ and they were right! It's immense!” she said. “The role of grandparent is great fun and joy. When Bruce [Paltrow, Danner's husband of almost 33 years who succumbed to cancer in 2002] died, life just kind of lost its meaning for me. But when Gwyneth and Chris had Apple, there was meaning again, finally. The primal urge and thrust that another generation brings keeps us wanting to live. Being a grandparent is bigger than I ever imagined.”

## **THE ART OF THE GRANDDAUGHTER**

**Donald Trump**

Not the richest grandfather in the world, but at least the most well-known billionaire grandpa.

In May 2007, Donald Trump Jr. and his wife, Vanessa, had a baby girl. That made The Donald The Grandfather, and it made Kai Madison Trump the apprentice-in-waiting.

Ironically, Trump, 61, had his fifth child — this one with his third wife, Melania — just 14 months before Kai was born. “Well, it’s not something I had necessarily in mind, but it feels very nice,” Trump told the *New York Post* after Kai was born. Trump is worth \$3 billion, according to Forbes magazine. That's a lot of trips to Toys "R" Us.

## **CAN WE (BABY)TALK?**

**Joan Rivers**

Snarkest grandparent? Joan Rivers, hands down.

The acerbic comedienne, however, is the complete opposite when it comes to dealing with 7-year-old Cooper, her only grandson from her only child, Melissa. But it took some time. "I didn't like being a grandmother when he was an infant," the inimitable Rivers told the London Daily Mail in 2007. "I found him very boring." Now she finds him to be the light of her life. "I love children, absolutely love them," she told the Canadian Press last year. "I wanted six or seven [myself] — a whole bunch — but it just didn't work out that way because I kept having all these ectopic pregnancies." But now, when she asks her trademark, "Can we talk?," it's usually about Cooper.

## **AND THEY CALL IT PUPPY LOVE**

### **Donny Osmond**

How is it possible that a teen idol is a grandpa?

Millions of fans may see Osmond as the youngster they grew up watching in the 1960s and '70s, but Osmond is now 50, the father of five boys and a grandfather of two — a boy, Dylan, born in 2005, and a girl, Emery, born this past February. "It's the best," Osmond told Larry King in 2006, shortly after Dylan was born. "It is the best. I'm so proud to be a grandpa." Earlier this year, he told Meredith Vieira of the *Today* show he eagerly awaited the birth of his granddaughter. "Finally, a girl," he said with a laugh. "After five boys and a grandson, we're going to get the granddaughter.... Meredith, she's going to be the most spoiled girl on the face of the planet, and I don't care."

Do we hear the sounds of "Come here, little girl" in the future?

## **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

### **Nancy Pelosi**

When she became the first female Speaker of the House in 2007, Nancy Pelosi wielded the gavel to call to order the House while surrounded by her five children and seven grandchildren.

Pelosi is a noted, and devoted, grandparent. On the eve of the 2006 election, when Democrats recaptured Congress, Pelosi wrote in her blog: "And if all goes as expected, in less than 100 hours my sixth grandchild will be born. I want my grandchild to be born into an America where government is for and by the people. I want my grandchild to be born into an America that rewards and values hard work. I want my grandchild to be born into an America where you are not labeled a terrorist coddler when you honor the Constitution... I want my grandchild to be born into an America whose government honors its duty for accountability and oversight. I want my grandchild to be born into an America that inspires innovation, that leads with dignity and diplomacy, that rejects fear mongering, and whose leaders start each day remembering that the Constitution

begins with the simple but revolutionary phrase 'We the people,' which announced to the world that here, the people rule.”

Amen, Grandma! Read more about Pelosi's grandparenting style [here](#).

## **I'M TELLIN' YOU, AMERICA...**

### **Bernie Mac**

Four-letter-word spewing Bernie Mac is a grandfather?  
You bet.

Now the next reaction — you'd love to hear those conversations, right? Mac is arguably the funniest grandfather in America, but remember that the four-letter words are just an act for the actor-comedian. Now 49, Mac's daughter, Je'Niece, is mother to a little girl, Jasmine. Mac told David Letterman last year that he planned on retiring from acting and stand-up this year to devote more time to his family.

“I'm going to still do my producing, my films, but I want to enjoy my life a little bit,” he said.

“I missed a lot of things, you know?” With Grandpa Bernie around, we have a feeling that Jasmine won't be missing out on much.

## **INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF GRANDCHILDREN**

### **Harrison Ford**

It's hard to believe that it's been almost 20 years since Harrison Ford last donned the famed fedora of Indiana Jones, but he will do so again this May with the release of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. The difference is that this time he does so as a grandfather. Ford, who has four children from two previous marriages, has two grandchildren, ages 14 and 7. At 55, *People* magazine named him the "sexist man alive". At 65, he defies time. In 2005, *Grand* magazine named him the "sexiest grandparent alive." Ford said he takes great pride in being a grandfather. “They know me as Grandpa first,” he told *USA Today* in April of this year. “They know the reality of the business I'm in... They knew Chewbacca was a fiction.”

## **(GRAND)BABY, YOU CAN DRIVE MY CAR**

### **Sir Paul McCartney**

Aside from the nasty divorce battle with Heather Mills, McCartney is beloved — especially in his native England — as a devoted father and grandfather.

McCartney has five grandchildren, two from daughter Mary and three from daughter Stella, the noted fashion designer. Wonder if they'll all be left-handed guitar players?

Or maybe singers? Two years ago, for his 64th birthday, Mary and Stella snuck what was then their three children into the famed Abbey Road studios in London, where Sir Paul's grandchildren — Arthur, Elliott, and Miller — recorded their own version of the Beatles' hit "When I'm Sixty-Four" as a present.

The one-time-only playback occurred at an intimate family gathering at McCartney's estate in Sussex, England. Talk about a legacy. To be fair, these folks may be the most talented and well-known grandparents we know of, but they're not the only ones out there. Did we miss any of your favorites? If there's a celebrity grandparent that you think is tops, let us know.

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