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May 17, 2012 NEW YORK — Royalty of Disco, Donna Summer, passed away today. Miss Summer's quintessential sound and majestic voice defined the effervescent, decadent period of the late 70's/early 80's. According to the Associated Press, the cause has not been identified. She was 63.

Summer was known for songs "Last Dance," "Love to Love You Baby," "Bad Girls," and "She Works Hard for the Money." Her catalog continues to make standard playlists of disc jockeys. "Last Dance" has been integrated into modern culture as the ubiquitous closing song for parties around the world.

Her family released a statement saying Summer died Thursday morning and that they "are at peace celebrating her extraordinary life and her continued legacy."

She had been living in Englewood, Fla., with her husband Bruce Sudano.

"Words truly can't express how much we appreciate your prayers and love for our family at this

sensitive time," the statement said.

The multi-Grammy / Academy Award winner, Donna Summer, came back to record hits and in 2008. "To Paris With Love" went Number 1 on Billboard Dance Chart. This marked 5 decades of number ones on the Billboard charts for Donna a unique and remarkable achievement. In 2010, Donna graced the stage of "America's Got Talent". Later that year, Donna taped and closed the show for the PBS Special David Foster and Friends. Highlights included an awesome duet with Seal!

R.I.P. Donna. We will miss your beautiful voice and smile

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