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- ▶ The death of Virgil Runnels, which was his real name, was announced by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).
- ▶ His long and glittering career, which began in the late 1960s, earned him a place in the WWE Hall of Fame.

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- ▶ "Runnels became a hero to fans around the world thanks to his work ethic, his impassioned interviews and his indomitable spirit," said WWE.
- ▶ The statement went on to describe him as a "creative visionary who helped shape the landscape of WWE" long after his retirement from the ring.

- ▶ Tributes poured in for the Texan-born fighter, who won several world titles and became famous during the height of wrestling's popularity in the 1970s and 1980s.
- ▶ "Saddened to hear the passing of Dusty Rhodes. Legend, teacher, mentor, friend ... Love you Dream," said professional wrestler Paul Levesque, also known as Triple H.

- ▶ "My mentor," tweeted Ric Flair. "Much love to your family and more respect than can ever be measured."
- ▶ Love you Dream."A WWE spokesman declined to give a cause of death or any details on where he died.

▶ Early career:–

- ▶ Rhodes started his career as a rule-breaking heel, tagging with fellow Texan Dick Murdoch to form the tag team The Texas Outlaws in the American Wrestling Association.

► Death–

- On June 10, 2015, emergency personnel responded to Rhodes' home in Orlando, Florida, on Wednesday morning after getting a call reporting he had taken a fall. Rhodes was then transported to a nearby hospital where he eventually died. Rhodes is survived by his four children, including Cody Runnels and Dustin Runnels, along with his wife.

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