

Who is Big Boy?

Kurt Alexander was born on September 8, 1969 in Peoria, Illinois. Who is Kurt Alexander, you ask? Today he is known as Los Angeles' biggest radio personality for the past two decades. Big Boy was the second youngest of seven children and a loving son to a wonderful woman, Ida; his father, Charles, was never part of his life. During a short period in his childhood, he and his family were forced to reside from motel to motel. Big Boy was a really big boy at the age of nine. He was one hundred and thirty-three pounds. At a young age he sold drugs and cell phones as a way to make money. He came close to really losing a lot by getting in trouble with the law, but never got caught. He would hide his gun under his stomach and crack in his hat. Growing up Big Boy was the guy that everybody wanted to be around. He never had trouble with his weight and his social life.

He was coined his famous nickname "Big Boy" by Augie while helping him out with a rap cd. While disk jockeying he went by a different nickname, "MC Scratch". Big Boy was also a bodyguard for a group called, "Phar Syde". His friendship with Baka Boys introduced him to Rick Cummings who was responsible for Big Boys beginning in the radio business. Rick Cummings noticed the potential in Big Boy and offered him to host the overnight show on the radio; Big Boy accepted. The overnight show had such great success that Big Boy was moved to the afternoon show, and soon the morning show. Another important person was Paul Stewart, who opened many doors for Big Boy in the rap game. Big Boy fell in love with hip-hop after listening to *Rapper's Delight*, and a huge fan of Run-DMC, as well.

Big Boys billboards, which we have seen posted up for many years, put a face to his infamous voice. Big Boy has been recognized not only for his big personality and success on the radio, but for his big size, as well. He never considered his health and weight until one day Will Smith asked him about his heart and if he had any concerns for his health. Will Smith challenged Big Boy to a weight loss and he successfully lost one hundred and ten pounds.

After losing the weight he eventually gained it back. Shortly after the weight gain he fell into a minor depression that made him consider his health once again. In 2003 Big Boy underwent a surgical procedure called 'duodenal switch', recommended by Ron Lester. After duodenal switch he had another procedure to remove the excess skin that nearly killed him; he recalls seeing Biggy during his close encounters to death. While hospitalized, Big Boy was eager to get back to work. He attended a back stage Jennifer Lopez interview, when suddenly his feeding tube broke and he was immediately rushed back to the hospital.

Two very important and influential women in Big Boy's life have been his dear wife, Veronica and his mother, Ida, may she rest in peace. He met Veronica in Las Vegas, which he later proposed to at a Mariah Carey concert. Big Boy has 3 things he doesn't do: give people his real name, give people his real number, and last let people use his restroom. One of Big Boy's favorite memories was performing with Vicente Fernandez at his concert. This was something he can check off on his bucket list. Big Boy's mom was very proud of him when she seen his actual billboard up in around the city. The day he took her out and showed her the billboard was the day they released her from the hospital. A few day's later she got sick again and return back to the hospital.

The day Big Boy's Mom passed away was big emotional moment, before she passed she wanted to go eat to home town buffet but settled for sizzler instead due to the long wait at hometown. Till this day Big Boy will refuse to step foot into a Hometown Buffet. When Big Boy was a young he use to hug his mom and put his head on her stomach and hug really closely. He had a relationship with his mom that some people wished they had a small percentage of. It was full of love, care, and optimism. One thing I found interesting was the fact that when Big Boy became the #1 radio personality in radio, the Beat went after is talents. The Beat had called him and offered him anything that Power 106 was offering him plus a new car, studio, etc.. They went back and forth offering more and more money and Big Boy asked for 3 days to figure it out. It was a very stressful situation because they had offered him almost 3x the amount of money that that Power 106 was

offering him. He had a dream that later he pieced together which had his mom involved and saying not get in a car that the ripper was driving. She somehow spoke to him and advised him to avoid that route and ride and finally came to the conclusion that he belongs to Power106. The beat then went after other Power106 jocks and got them. A few months later The Beat got sold and some jocks lost their jobs and the station disappeared. Not knowing whether to blame his love for food as a emotional problem, he does come to agreement that it was definitely a factor. Big Boy is now happily married with 2 beautiful kids and still is the Big Boy we all know without all the xtra pounds. He still dominates radio all over the U.S. and is a person that many can look up to as a positive role model. Michael Jackson said “ That’s why he is a superstar “ after he left a meet he had in a recording studio before he passed.