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U.S. comedian Joan Rivers remains on life support, in serious condition

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USPA News - American comedian Joan Rivers, who is best known for `The Joan Rivers Show` in the early 1990s and more recently the E! celebrity fashion show `Fashion Police,` remains in a serious condition while on life support at a New York City hospital, her daughter said on Tuesday. "On behalf of my mother and our family, we are extremely grateful for all the love and support we`ve received. At this time she does remain on life support," Melissa Rivers, the daughter of Joan Rivers, said in an e-mailed statement.

"I know my mother would be overwhelmed by the continued outpouring of kindness and I want to thank everyone for keeping us in their prayers." Rivers, 81, was undergoing surgery on her vocal cords at Yorkville Endoscopy Clinic in New York's Upper East Side last Thursday when she suddenly stopped breathing. Emergency services responded to the clinic and rushed her to Mount Sinai Hospital while in a critical condition, though the comedian's daughter later described her condition as `serious.` "We are keeping our fingers crossed," Melissa Rivers said on Sunday. Rivers rose to prominence in the late 1960s, first as a guest on `The Tonight Show` before launching her own rival program, `The Late Show.` She also hosted the successful `Joan Rivers Show` between 1989 and 1993, which earned her a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show Host. More recently, Rivers co-hosted the E! celebrity fashion show `Fashion Police` and starred alongside her daughter Melissa in reality TV series `Joan & Melissa: Joan Knows Best`".

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