Tallest Man Ever

Who - Robert Wadlow
Where - United States (Alton, Illinois)
When – 27 June 1940

The tallest man in medical history for whom there is irrefutable evidence is Robert Pershing Wadlow (USA) (born 6:30 a.m. at Alton, Illinois, USA on 22 February 1918), who when last measured on 27 June 1940, was found to be 2.72 m (8 ft 11.1 in) tall.

Robert died at 1:30 a.m. on 15 July 1940 in a hotel in Manistee, Michigan, as a result of a septic blister on his right ankle caused by a brace, which had been poorly fitted only a week earlier.

He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Alton, in a coffin measuring 3.28 m (10 ft 9 in) long, 81 cm (32 in) wide and 76 cm (30 in) deep.

Robert's greatest recorded weight was 222.71 kg (35 st 1l b) on his 21st birthday and he weighed 199 kg (31 st 5 lb) at the time of his death.

His shoe size was a huge 37AA (47 cm long), he had an arm span of 2.88 m (9ft 5.75 in), and his hands measured 32.4 cm (12.75 in) from the wrist to the tip of the middle finger.

Robert's peak daily food consumption was 8000 calories - more than three times the amount recommended for average-sized males.

At the age of nine, he was able to carry his father Harold F. Wadlow (d. September 1967) later Mayor of Alton, who stood 1.8 m (5 ft 11 in) and weighed 77 kg (170 lb), up the stairs of the family home.

TALLEST PEOPLE OVER TIME

The last 10 tallest people date back almost 100 years. No one has yet beaten Wadlow – the **tallest man ever**.		
Name (nationality)	Height (cm)	Year
Bernard Coyne (USA)	248	1921
Robert Wadlow (USA)	272	1940
Edward "Ted" Evans (UK)	234	1957
Suleiman Ali Nashnush (LBY)	246	1964
John F Carroll (USA)	263	1966
Don Koehler (USA)	248	1970
Alam Channa (PAK)	232	1981
Radhouane Charbib (TUN)	235	1999
Xi Shun (CHN)	236	2005
Sultan Kösen (TUR)	251	2011

Read the informational text, *Tallest Man Ever*, and **answer** the following questions about it. Remember to **answer in full sentences.**

1) How tall was Robert when he was last measured in metres?
2) How did Robert die?
3) What could he do when he was nine-years old?
4) At its peak, how many calories was Robert consuming each day?
5) What was the name and nationality of the gentleman who was 263cm tall?

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