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U.S. comedian Joan Rivers remains 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,` remained in a serious condition Friday after going into cardiac arrest the previous day, her daughter said. Rivers, 81, was undergoing surgery on her vocal cords at Yorkville Endoscopy Clinic in New York`s Upper East Side on Thursday morning when she suddenly stopped breathing.

Emergency services responded to the clinic and rushed her to Mount Sinai Hospital while in a critical condition, though later reports described her condition as `stable.` "My mother would be so touched by the tributes and prayers that we have received from around the world," Melissa Rivers, the daughter of Joan Rivers, said in a statement on Friday. "Her condition remains serious but she is receiving the best treatment and care possible. We ask that you continue to keep her in your thoughts as we pray for her recovery." 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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