

## 'Queen of the Ring' Sabine Schmitz dies

Famous German racing driver Sabine Schmitz has passed away at the age of 51 after a three-year battle against cancer.



The Nürburgring racetrack said the following in a statement: "The Nürburgring has lost its most famous female racing driver. Sabine Schmitz passed away far too early after a long illness. We will miss her and her cheerful nature. Rest in peace Sabine."

“ Rest in peace you wonderful, powerful, hilarious person. [pic.twitter.com/nwXgBwZsbE](https://pic.twitter.com/nwXgBwZsbE)— chris harris (@harrismoney) [March 17, 2021](#) ”

Schmitz became famous after she raced Jeremy Clarkson around Germany's Nürburgring Nordschleife circuit in a Ford Transit Van on British television show *Top Gear* in 2004. She was also known for driving the BMW 'ring taxi' around the Nürburgring race track as well as being a television personality.

“ Chris Harris remembers Sabine Schmitz. [@harrismoney](#) pays tribute to the ground-breaking racing driver and presenter <https://t.co/nmZE6642c7> [pic.twitter.com/JGrpJAlliU](https://pic.twitter.com/JGrpJAlliU)— Top Gear (@BBC\_TopGear) [March 17, 2021](#) ”

The German star revealed via Facebook in 2020 that she had been battling cancer since 2017.