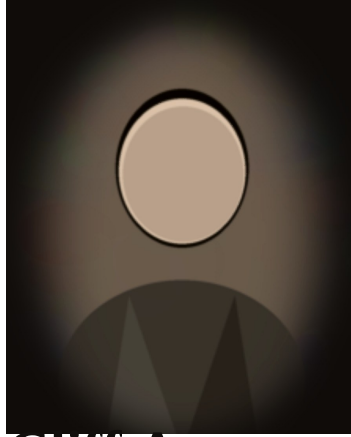




Cliff Arquette

December 28, 1905 - September 23, 1974

Burbank, California

Cliff Arquette - Clifford Charles Arquette - American comic actor best known for the rustic alter ego Charley Weaver, died of heart disease in Burbank, California, on September 23, 1974. He was sixty-eight. Born December 28, 1905, in Toledo, Ohio, into a performing family, he worked vaudeville, radio, and early television before the Weaver character - letters from "Mama," a battered hat, and Midwestern understatement - made him a household guest on Jack Paar and Hollywood Squares.

Behind the hayseed persona was a careful comic who wrote much of his own material and understood how warmth could carry a gag farther than insult. He opened a Civil War museum in Gettysburg that mixed showmanship with genuine collecting passion, a side project that surprised fans who knew him only from the game-show grid. Children and grandchildren would later extend the Arquette name across film and television; Cliff's own fame was homemade and radio-bred.

Burbank's hospital corridor was the end of a long California working life after Ohio beginnings. Colleagues remembered a professional who could turn a two-minute letter-from-home bit into appointment viewing.

He died in Burbank on September 23, 1974. Reruns still cue the Weaver voice before the square lights up.

Arquette's gift was affectionate satire - laughing with small-town America instead of punching down at it. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 23 remembers the Toledo comic who made Charley Weaver a national neighbor.

Services

Died in Burbank, California, September 23, 1974. Comedian and actor; created Charley Weaver; regular on Jack Paar and Hollywood Squares.

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