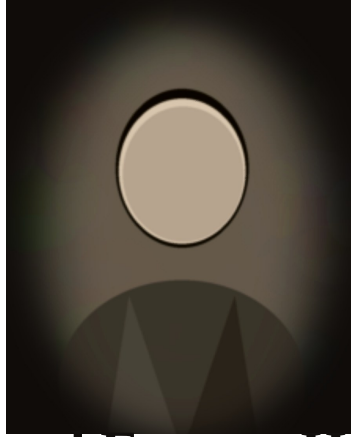




Edward Everett Horton

March 18, 1886 - September 29, 1970

Encino, California

Edward Everett Horton - American character actor whose fluttering double takes and genteel panic became a comic signature across stage, film, and later television narration - died in Encino, California, on September 29, 1970. He was eighty-four. Born March 18, 1886, in Brooklyn, he trained for the stage, toured, and reached Hollywood just as talkies needed men who could make worry sound musical.

Astaire-Rogers musicals used him as the nervous friend who arrives mid-crisis; Lubitsch and Capra comedies used the same raised shoulders and delayed reaction as punctuation. He played dozens of flustered professionals - trustees, messengers, uncles - without ever seeming to repeat the same panic. In later years he narrated *Fractured Fairy Tales* on *The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*, proving that a voice alone could carry the Horton eyebrow. He lived quietly in the San Fernando Valley, collecting a career's worth of polite chaos.

His Encino home was where a cancer diagnosis ended the long run. He died there, leaving a comic physics of hesitation that sitcoms still borrow.

Brooklyn theaters taught timing; Studio City soundstages taught economy. He made discomfort look like hospitality.

He died in Encino on September 29, 1970. Somewhere a drawing-room door is still opening on a man who wishes he had knocked first.

Horton's gift was elegant fluster - turning anxiety into grace notes. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so

September 29 remembers the Brooklyn player who made American comedy sound like a polite apology.

Services

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