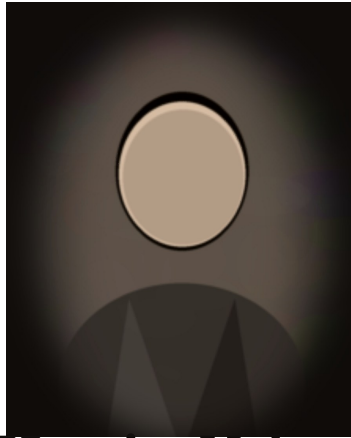




Harriet Nelson

July 18, 1909 - October 2, 1994

Laguna Beach, California

Harriet Nelson - born Peggy Lou Snyder, American actress and singer who became television's model of the mid-century mother without surrendering a working performer's spine - died in Laguna Beach, California, on October 2, 1994. She was eighty-five. Born July 18, 1909, in Des Moines, Iowa, she sang with Ozzie Nelson's band as Harriet Hilliard, acted in films including *Follow the Fleet*, then helped invent the family sitcom with *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* on radio and ABC television.

For fourteen television seasons America watched Ozzie, Harriet, David, and Ricky turn a living room into a national habit. She later appeared in *Ozzie's Girls* and guest roles, then settled full-time at the family's Laguna Beach home. Congestive heart failure ended her life there; she rests at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills with Ozzie and Ricky.

Iowa gave her the stage start; California gave her the long run. She performed as if domestic comedy could still be work.

She died in Laguna Beach on October 2, 1994. Somewhere a black-and-white living room is still waiting for the theme to finish.

Nelson's gift was durable warmth - making family television feel like next door. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so October 2 remembers the Des Moines singer who mothered a nation's weeknights.

Services

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