



Dr. Jeanine Roose — Rest in Peace

It is with extreme sadness that we share the news that Jeanine Roose has passed away. She will always have a special place in our Museum and in our hearts. We will miss her and her kind spirit and deep understanding of people tremendously.

"It's a Wonderful Life" was the only movie she was ever in and she played "Young Violet Bick" perfectly. She also entertained people for many years on the radio. She wrote about this part of her life for her exhibit in our Museum:

"As a child I grew up during the golden age of radio before television supplanted the radio in popularity and availability. There were a variety of thematic programs available for all ages. Soap operas for the homemaker during the day; adventure programs for children on weekday afternoons; and variety shows on Sunday afternoons when entire families would gather together to be entertained.

"The Jack Benny Show was one of the most popular Sunday offerings. It featured Jack Benny and his wife, Mary Livingstone together with a variety of performers including Dennis Day and Phil Harris. I made my acting debut on the Jack Benny Show in 1945 as the oldest daughter of Phil Harris, 'Baby Alice'.

"All of our broadcasts were performed live in front of an audience of 200 plus people. Prior to the broadcast the audience would be 'warmed up' by Bill Foreman and others. There was a full orchestra conducted by Walter Scharf. My radio sister, Anne Whitfield and I appeared in matching dresses. Once a year the show would go "on the road". We traveled to Chicago, New York, Palm Springs, and received a special invitation to perform at the inauguration ceremonial activities for Harry S. Truman. These were quite exciting experiences that are special memories . . ." (Jeanine Roose, 2021)