



Jesse Donald Knotts

July 24, 1924 – Morgantown WV --- February 24, 2006 – Los Angeles CA



1947 – 1966

Karen 1954 - Thomas 1957 - 2020?



1974 - 1989



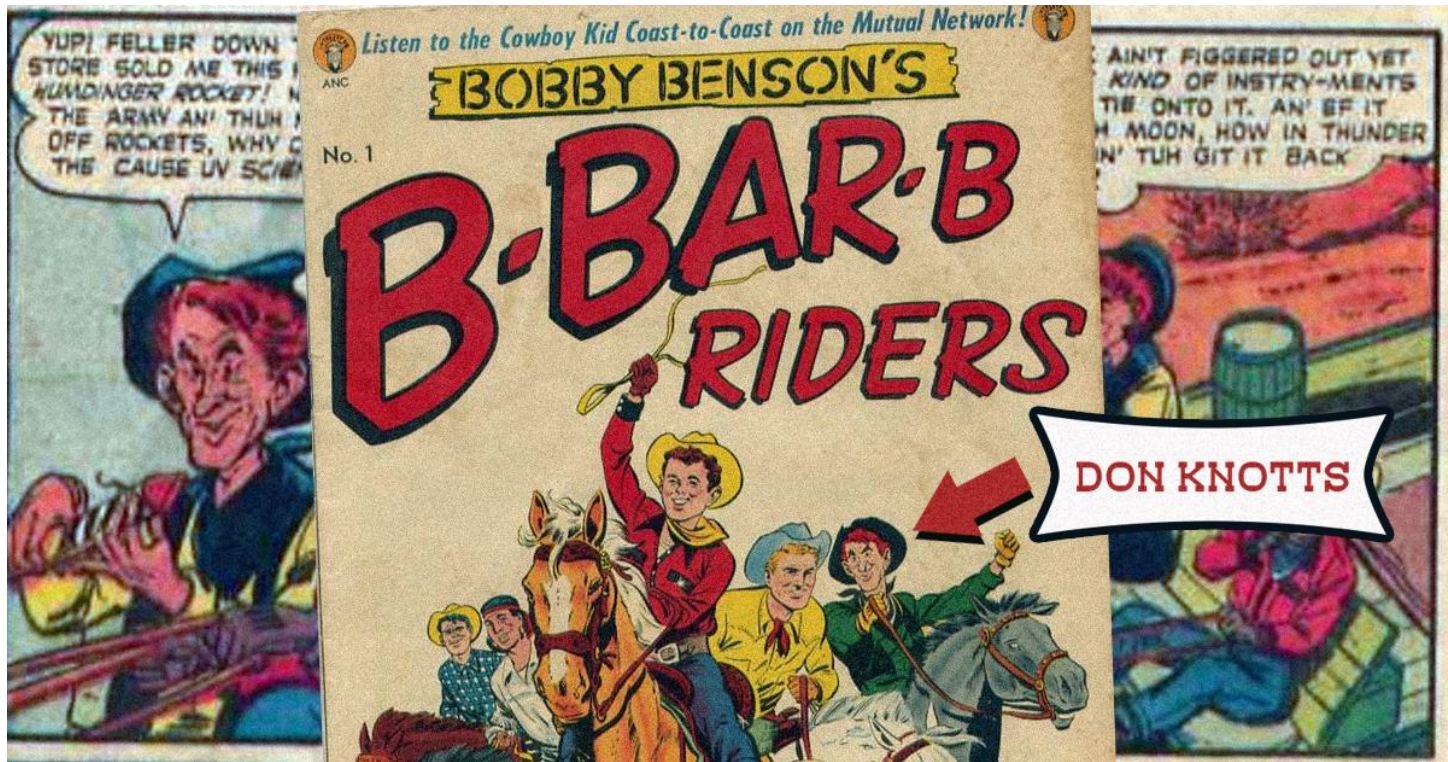
Don Knotts and Frances Yarborough | Ron Galella Collection via Getty Images

2002 - 2006



World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with four bronze service stars), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (with Carbine Bar) and Honorable Service Lapel Pin.





From Soaperstar to Superstar

By Marnie Winston-Macauley

DON KNOTTS



Long before there was *The Andy Griffith Show* and dopey (but lovable) deputy Barney Fife, Knotts played Wilbur Peterson on *SFT*.



WHAT: WILBUR PETERSON, *Search for Tomorrow*

WHEN: 1953-1955

THE STORY: The wiry, funny man with the nerves of jelly may have gotten some practice with his semi-regular role as the mute brother of up-to-no-good sister Rose (played by Lee Grant). Poor Wilbur became embroiled in a plot to destroy the show's heroine, which, thanks to a pang of conscience, his sister thwarted. Wilbur's silence, however was cured when a psychiatrist uncovered the root cause — his shock over trying to kill his foster father for attempting to attack Rose. Too bad *The Andy Griffith Show*'s Barney Fife wasn't on the case! Recalling his soap experience, "about 174 years ago," he "absolutely enjoyed" his twice-a-month stint on the show. He said, "These early exposures proved a definite training ground for the theater, movies and television." In fact, shortly after, he was tapped for *No Time For Sargeants*, which shot both Knotts and co-star Andy Griffith to fame, and began a winning twosome that garnered Knotts five Emmys for *The Andy Griffith Show*. ★



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SCREENPLAY BY JOHN LEE MAHIN DIRECTED BY MERVYN LEROY PRESENTED BY **WARNER BROS.**

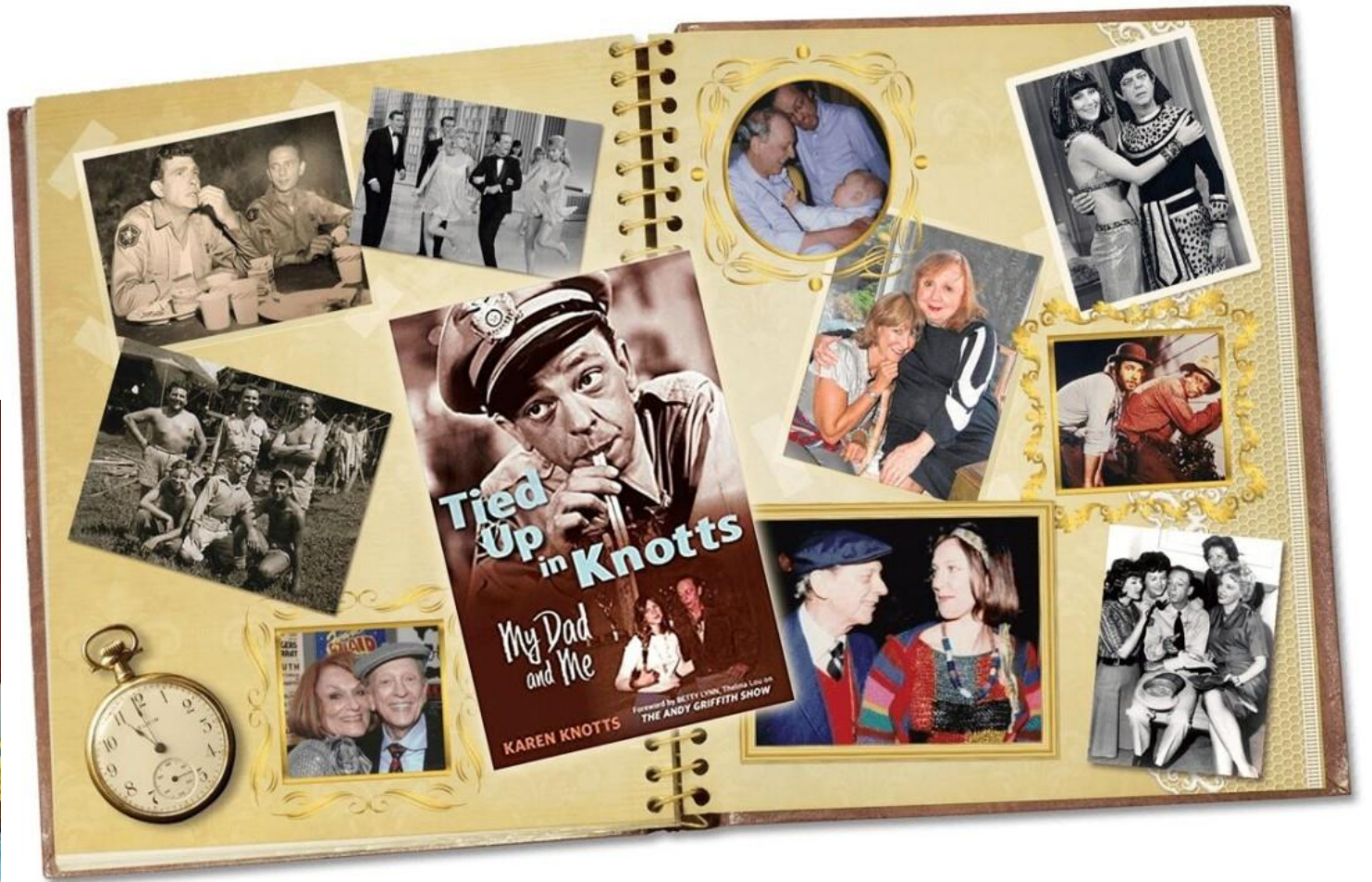
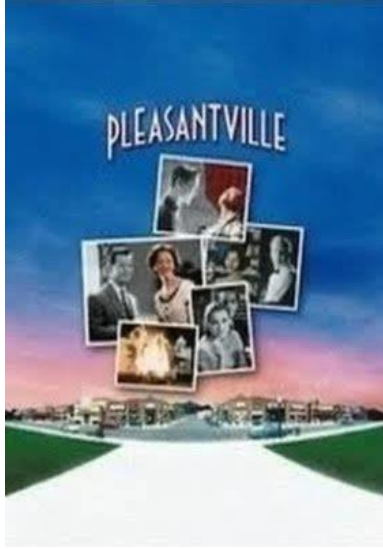
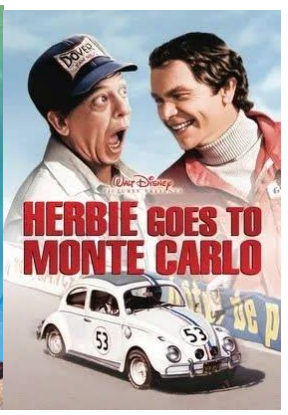
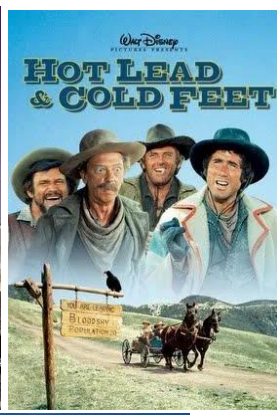
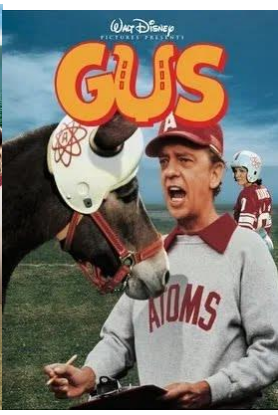


the Andy Griffith Show



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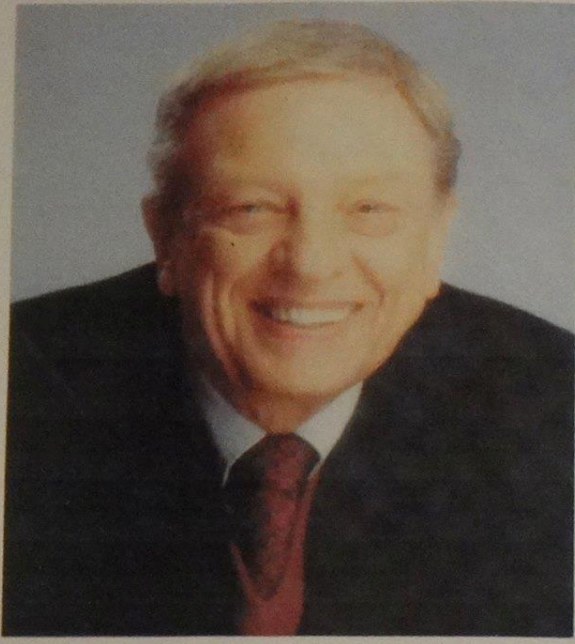








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*Say not in grief "he is no more",
but live in thankfulness that he was.*

In Loving Memory

Don Knotts

Born

July 21, 1924
Morgantown, West Virginia

Passed Away

February 24, 2006
Los Angeles, California

Funeral Service

Monday March 6, 2006

1:00 PM

Chapel of the Palms
Los Angeles, California

Officiating

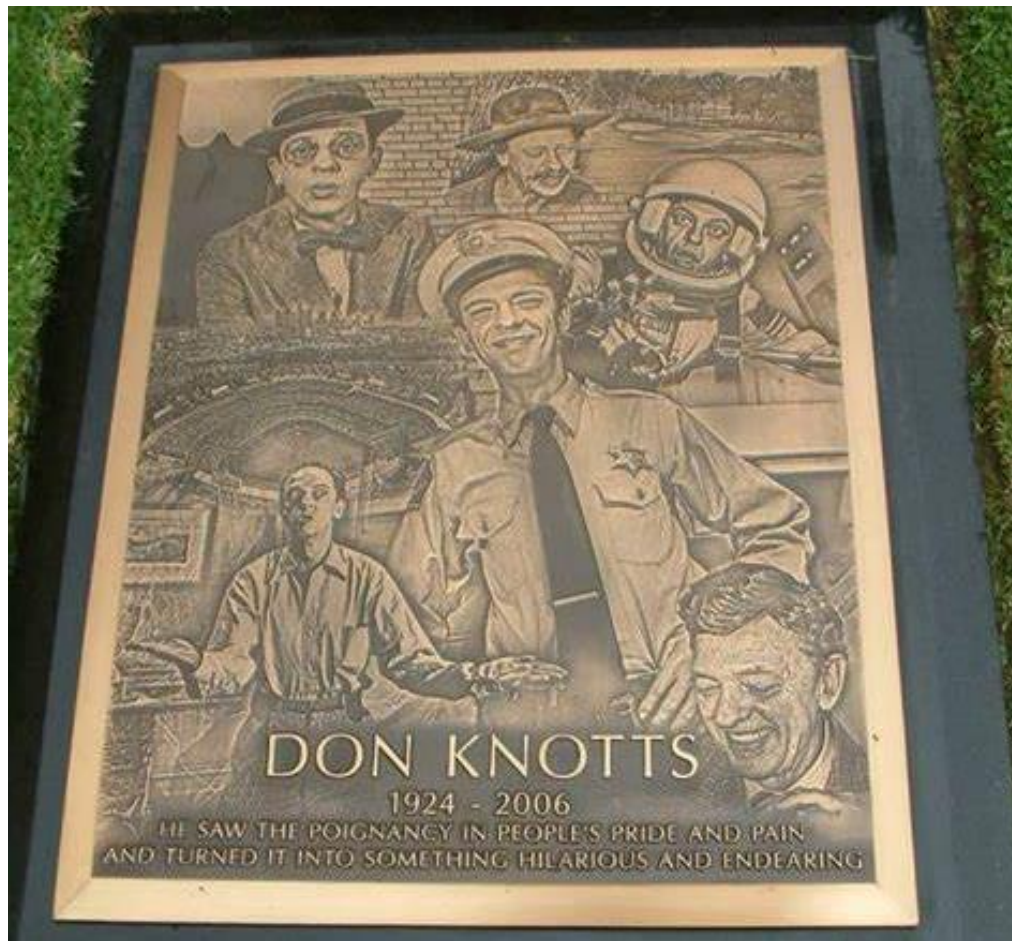
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Interment

Westwood Village Memorial Park

*Please join us after the service
For a reception*

DON KNOTTS



"He saw the poignancy in people's pride and pain and turned it into something hilarious and enduring."