

BETTY WHITE

First Lady of Television



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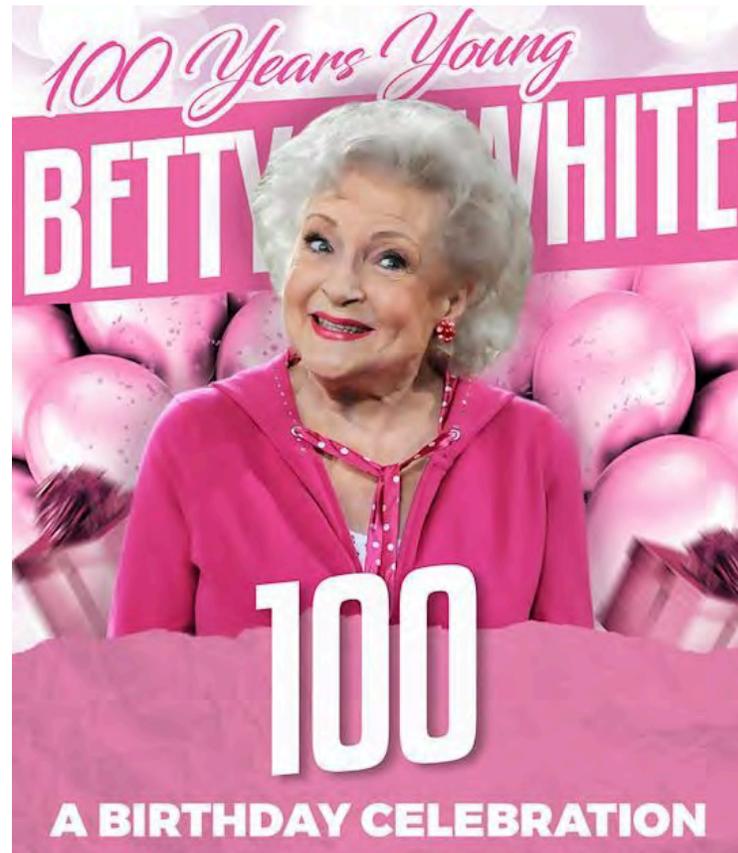


It's Betty White's 100th birthday!

The iconic actress was born on January 17, 1922. We know—it's hard to believe this star is hitting such a major milestone. She attributes her long and healthy life to good genetics, staying active, treating herself to foods she loves, a good sense of humor, and keeping busy.

Betty White began her acting career over eighty years ago (in 1939!), landing her first role just weeks after she graduated from high school. Since then, she earned respect and admiration of her co-workers and gained legions of adoring fans.

Ms. White wears many hats with ease. These include actor, comedian, author, Emmy-award winner, and animal welfare and environmental activist. It seems there's nothing she cannot accomplish. So what's the key to her long ride at the top of Hollywood? She owes her key to longevity in a fickle industry to a positive attitude and drive to succeed despite the odds.



Betty White: 100 Years Young – A Birthday Celebration

Betty White invites you to her 100th birthday celebration event. The party for America's sweetheart includes her star-studded cast of friends.

You'll experience Betty's funniest moments on *The Golden Girls*, hosting *SNL*, *Hot in Cleveland*, *The Proposal*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*—and a lost episode from Betty's very first sitcom. Plus Betty reveals inside stories of her amazing life and career.

This is a special one-day-only event on January 17th; the party awaits.



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White attended Beverly Hills High School, graduating in 1939. Her interest in wildlife was sparked by family vacations to the Sierra Nevada. She initially aspired to a career as a forest ranger, but was unable to accomplish this because women were *not allowed* to serve as rangers at that time. Instead, White pursued an interest in writing. She wrote and played the lead in a graduation play at Horace Mann School, discovering her interest in performing.

White's earliest work in entertainment came in 1930 when she was eight years old and appeared on an episode of a radio program called *Empire Builders* which was first broadcast on December 22 that year.

White began her television career in 1939, three months after her high school graduation, when she and a classmate sang songs on an experimental television show. White found work modeling, and her first professional acting job was at the Bliss Hayden Little Theatre. When World War II broke out, she put her career on hold and volunteered for the American Women's Voluntary Services. Her assignment included the transportation of military supplies through California. She also participated in events for troops before they were deployed overseas.

After the war, White made rounds to movie studios looking for work, but was always turned down because she was "not photogenic". So then she started to look for radio jobs where being photogenic did not matter. Her first radio jobs included reading commercials and playing bit parts, and sometimes even doing crowd noises. She made about five dollars a show. She would do just about anything, like singing on a show for no pay or making an appearance on the local game show.

In 2010 White experienced a major surge in popularity, fueled in part by a humorous Super Bowl commercial in which she was tackled during a recreational football game. Fans subsequently launched a campaign to have the 88-year-old actress host *Saturday Night Live*. In May 2010 she became the comedy show's oldest host, and White later received an Emmy Award for her performance.

THE EARLY YEARS

Betty Marion White was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on January 17, 1922. She has stated that Betty is her legal name and not a shortened version of Elizabeth. She is the only child of Christine Tess, a homemaker, and Horace Logan White (1899–1963), a lighting company executive. Her paternal grandfather was Danish and her maternal grandfather was Greek, with her other roots being English and Welsh.

White's family moved to Alhambra, California, in 1923 when she was a little over a year old, and later to Los Angeles during the Great Depression. To make extra money, her father would build radios (crystal radios) and sell them wherever he could. Since it was the height of the Depression, and hardly anyone had a sizable income, he would trade the radios in exchange for other goods.

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Betty Marion White is an American actress and comedian. A pioneer of early television and with a career spanning over nine decades, White is noted for her vast work in the entertainment industry, having been one of the first women to exert control in front of and behind the camera, as well as the first woman to produce a sitcom (*Life with Elizabeth*), which contributed to her being named honorary Mayor of Hollywood in 1955. She is also widely known for her roles as Sue Ann Nivens on the CBS sitcom *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1973–1977), Rose Nylund on the NBC sitcom *The Golden Girls* (1985–1992), and Elka Ostrovsky on the TV Land sitcom *Hot in Cleveland* (2010–2015).

White was eight years old when she made her radio programming debut in 1930. Several years later in young adulthood she began working as a radio personality in Los Angeles under the guidance of disc jockey Al Jarvis. After making the transition to television, White became a staple panelist of American game shows, including *Password*, *Match Game*, *Tattletales*, *To Tell the Truth*, *The Hollywood Squares* and *The \$25,000 Pyramid*; dubbed "the first lady of game shows".

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In 1952 she cofounded Bandy Productions to develop her own projects. Later that year the television sitcom *Life with Elizabeth* premiered. White played the title role—a married woman whose various predicaments test the patience of her husband—in addition to co-creating and producing the show, which ran until 1955. White became the first woman to receive the Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Game Show Host for her show *Just Men!* in 1983.

The actress gained real traction when she landed the role of Sue Ann Nivens on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" on CBS. The role was memorable, and she soon scored other comedic gigs on the small screen, including a running appearance on *The Carol Burnett Show*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Boston Legal*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *Mama's Family*.

In 1985, White scored another plum television role as Rose Nylund on "The Golden Girls," opposite Rue McClanahan, Estelle Getty and Beatrice Arthur. Originally, White had been cast as the man-hungry roommate Blanche Dubois, but the director suggested that McClanahan and White switch roles. Instead, White played the role of Rose, a roommate whose naïveté often made her the butt of the jokes. The show was a hit, and so was White.

With a television career spanning over nine decades, White has worked longer in that medium than anyone else in the television industry, earning her a Guinness World Record in 2018. White has received eight Emmy Awards in various categories, three American Comedy Awards, three Screen Actors Guild Awards, and a Grammy Award. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and is a 1985 Television Hall of Fame inductee.



MARRIAGES

Betty White's first two marriages were short. The first time she said "I do" was to an army pilot named Dick Barker in the '40s. She was engaged to Dick for most of the war. They married and divorced in 1945. Dick lived on a chicken farm in Ohio and Betty quickly realized she wasn't cut out for that lifestyle.

In 1947, Betty married her second husband, Lane Allan. Lane, who hailed from Toronto, Can., was an actor and casting director. They divorced after two years of marriage. Little is known about their relationship, but following their split, Betty got her big break in show biz.

Betty White's third husband, Allen Ludden, was "the love of her life."

In 1961, she traveled to New York City to appear on the game show *Password*, where she developed feelings for the show's host Allen Ludden, who happened to be a widowed father of three.

Betty tried to resist these feelings as she couldn't picture herself living on the East Coast. In fact, she said no to him twice when he proposed to her.

Fortunately, the third time he asked for her hand in marriage, Betty obliged. They got married in June 1963 at an intimate-feeling ceremony held at the former Sands Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

Betty claims that her only regret was that she wasted so much time turning him down. "I wasted a whole year we could have had together, but we made it. We finally did," she told Oprah.



BETTY WHITE AND BEING A STEPMOM

Betty White never had biological children, but she is a loving stepmother to her husband Allen Ludden's three kids from his first marriage. The *Golden Girls* star married the *Password* host in 1963, two years after his first wife Margaret McGloin passed away from cancer.

Betty had chosen not to have kids in her two previous marriages, she admitted that she never felt she could manage both motherhood and her career. But, still, she was grateful to help raise Ludden's children. White, who lost her husband to stomach cancer in 1981, once revealed she was "blessed" to be a stepmom.

The Ludden children all grew up to be successful. David earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to become a history professor at his Ivy League alma mater. Martha, meanwhile, received her law degree. Youngest child Sarah dabbled in careers in audiology and dance before totally switching gears and opening her own karate school in Chicago. Forty years after Ludden's death, White still has a close relationship with her all-grown-up stepchildren.

Celebrating 100yrs of Betty White

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THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID....

"I'm not a big cook. I only go in the kitchen to feed my dog."

"My mother always used to say, 'The older you get, the better you get. Unless you're a banana.'"

"People say, 'But Betty, Facebook is a great way to connect with old friends.' Well, at my age, if I want to connect with old friends, I need a Ouija board."

"Mind your own business, take care of your affairs, and don't worry about other people so much."

Betty White's Net Worth

Betty White has spent decades building her career, and wealth. So, how much is the Hollywood icon worth and what does she spend her money on? Her \$75 million net worth is well-earned and she spends it on vodka and hotdogs.

"Betty loves to joke that vodka keeps her young," said her friends during an interview. "She loves the image of her sitting at home in a rocking chair, drinking a martini and watching game shows, but she's not really a big drinker. That's not her. She'll only take a few sips of a cocktail if the occasion calls for it."



ANIMAL ACTIVIST

Betty White is a pet enthusiast and an animal health advocate who works with animal organizations, including the Los Angeles Zoo Commission, The Morris Animal Foundation, African Wildlife Foundation, and Actors & Others for Animals. Her interest in animal welfare began in the early 1970s while she was both producing and hosting the syndicated series, *The Pet Set*, which spotlighted celebrities and their pets.

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Happy 100th Birthday!



Martha Annette Smith
"Sweetie"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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