

**DORIS ROBERTS**  
**EMMY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS, EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND**

With an illustrious career of achievement in theatre, film, and television that has earned her distinctive stature throughout the entire entertainment profession, Doris Roberts was selected by the prestigious American Film Institute as one of five actresses of the year in 2001. She went on to receive her third Emmy Award, for her role as the beloved but meddlesome mother on the popular CBS series *Everybody Loves Raymond*.

Roberts has been a three-time winner of the Viewers for Quality Television award, the 2001 TV Guide Award, the 2000 Beautiful People Award and, in that same year, was named Best Actress in a Comedy Role by the American Comedy Awards for her stage performance in *24 Hours*. To celebrate a lifetime of achievement, on March 10, 2003, the versatile actress was immortalized with her own Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and, in April of that year, St. Martin's Press published her memoirs, *Are You Hungry, Dear*, with a nationwide promotional campaign.

Roberts knew she would become a professional actress when she made her debut at the age of six, portraying a potato in a school play. Supported in her theatrical ambitions by her mother, she was taken as a young girl to Broadway matinees, where she stood in back of the theater carefully studying the performers she saw and dreamt of becoming one of them. That dream came true in 1955 when Roberts debuted on Broadway in William Saroyan's classic "The Time of Your Life." The young actress went on to appear both on and off Broadway in numerous successful productions, including "Bad Habits," for which she won the Outer Critics Circle Award. It was when Lily Tomlin coaxed Roberts away from Broadway to join her comedy series, *The Lily Tomlin Comedy Hour*, that she began a new and thriving career in television.

Roberts became one of the medium's most successful stars as a regular on *Angie*, *The Boys*, *Ladies on Sweet Street*, *Remington Steele*, *Maggie*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Comedy Hour* and, of course, for the past six seasons on *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Coincidentally, Roberts also managed to fit in guest starring roles on several other sitcoms, and producers of movies for television were quick to take advantage of her popularity. On the big screen, Roberts drew even more accolades for such films as *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *A Lovely Way to Die*, *Heartbreak Kid*, and *Simple Justice*.

While some performers might begin to rest on their laurels, Roberts continues to shine in her craft, while devoting free time to community service as a Founder and active supporter of the charities Children Affected By AIDS and Puppies Behind Bars. She is also a formidable fighter for the rights of fellow actors in the continuing battle against ageism. Some may call this indefatigable worker an actress who has done it all, but Roberts insists "There's always a new challenge around the corner and I'll be ready when it comes."

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- Life is Fabulous, If You Allow It to Be!
- Fighting Ageism as the Last Acceptable Prejudice