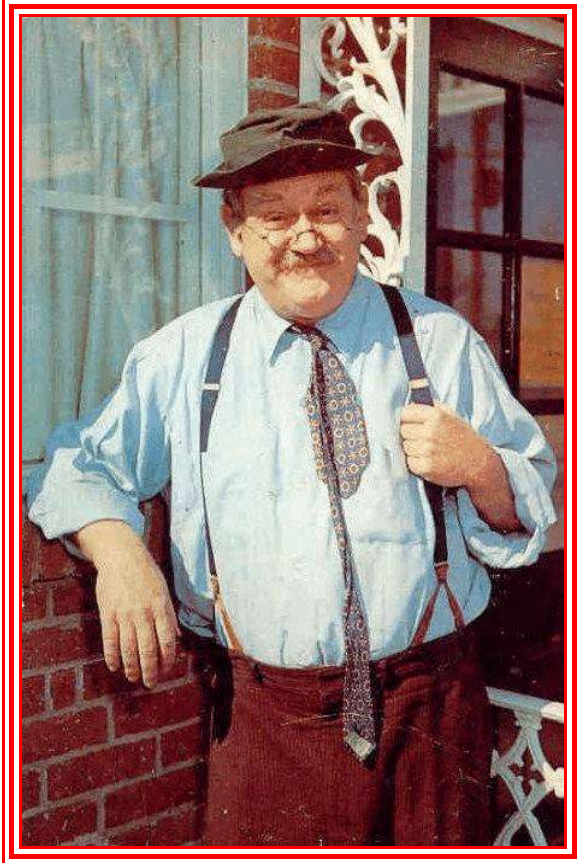


It has been rumored comic and TV personality **Clifford C. Arquette 1905-1974** AKA Charley Weaver was a ham radio operator. He was also a talented artist, cartoonist, wood carver, author, song writer and historian.



Known in Hollywood as the man with 1,000 hobbies and Tv's remarkable rube per Life Magazine Aug 10th 1959. Charley made untold millions laugh with his foxy grandpa disguise and Mt Idy banter.

We've located his old call "**W6SGP**" Born in Toledo, 1905 given name C.C. Arquette born to Charles A. and Minnie E. Arquette, Ward A Toledo, Ohio youngest of four kids. This is a complicated man with many interests. Trained as a pianist and at age 6 dyed his hair black and won a Charlie Chaplain contest from 200 entries. He started out age 14 leading "The Purple Derbies." Then in the Henry Halstead Orchestra in 1923. After a career of movies, writing acting and radio he retired the first time in 1956.

The sweet tempered rustic, you've seen him on Hollywood Squares - Jack Paar Tonight Show etc. Clifford was a Civil War Historian and built the Clifford Arquette Soldiers Museum in Gettysburg in 1957. His wood carvings and soldier creations were outstanding artifacts of his knowledge of the Civil War. Ham radio would be a natural for him.

While retired and watching the Jack Paar Show one night in the late 50s, Cliff heard Paar say, "I wonder what happened to Cliff Arquette?" Arquette nearly fell off the chair and dumped his Scotch drink. Charley Weaver was born on the Paar Show and the remainder is history. You put Charley Weaver and Jonathan Winters in the same room and you have major chaos!

Appearances on Dragnet - Dinah Shore Chevy Show - F Troop - Ernie Ford Star Time - etc -Plus many years of radio broadcasts "Glamour Manor."

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Paar, Arquette and Winters are Buckeye boys. Three brilliant minds! Who replaced Charlie Weaver on Hollywood Squares? Comedian Lonesome George Gobel. Cliff's lasting contribution is through his famous grandchildren. His foxy grandpa disguise was enjoyed and well known by all of the time.

See strays QST Nov 46 - for the W6SGP data. Charley preferred spelling. .

Cliff played "The Old Timer" on the Fibber McGee and Molly Radio Show, his catch phrase was "That aint the way I heered it!" At age 6 Cliff died his hair black and entered a contest for the Charlie Chaplain look-alike in Toledo, he won out over 200 kids.

LA Times report 1938 Cliff's wife Mildred Nesbitt sued for divorce stating Clifford felt she was holding him back from his career. Then in 1942 Clifford was divorced from wife Julie Harrison. Sept 28 1943 Per Nan Nuys News; Mr. Clifford Arquette mayor of Sherman Oaks, popular radio show "Point Sublime" will show his film creation "Fools Gold" at the YMCA Camp Rally at Donna Hubbard Auditorium Friday Nite.

There was a break in (B&E) at the Arquette residence January 1945 as reported in the San Diego paper, the film stars San Fernando Valley home looted, a valuable camera and cash were stolen by entry thru a broken screen. How Arquette got into ham radio is a mystery but he was active after WW2. He became he was a world class painter and artist.

Awarded October 1960 in the Gettysburg Times by U.S. Grant III Battle Field Chairman at Gettysburg Pa., The Civil War Unit Civilian centennial commission lauded Arquette for his unceasing effort to promote interest in the Civil War period -

Actor Cliff Arquette involved in a two car collision, the 63 year old actor collided with an older lady both parties removed for observation receiving cuts

and scratches and Arquette complained about his left arm.

Van Nuys ads April 68 "Learn to Paint" Cliff Arquette Art Center 6211 LAUREL CANYON BLVD - nice size ads. With old timer Charley Weaver & his easel. The earlier location at a Legion Club wasn't approved

His life became anew after invitation to NYC to be a regular on Jack Paar's Tonight show. He lived in NYC and Gettysburg PA, back and forth, enjoying running a Museum selling mugs, rubber masks, ashtrays, and Mt. Idy Yum Yum's. He loved being around the young visitors. He was sought after on TV interviews, first - Ralph Edwards "This Is Your Life!" Plus the CBS network show "Person To Person" with Charles Collingwood from Arquette's Gettysburg Pa home 16 Sept 1960.

In 1972 our subject had the first of his heart attacks and a stroke 26 Apr 1972 by driving on the divided highway in LA and driving to the berm with a heart problem. An old flame (Miriam C., visited him there and they dated until Cliff died in 1974. It was reported they were to be married.

In May of 1974 Cliff was Demond Wilson's best man (age 27) of Stanford and Sons fame. The occasion was held in LA. Arquette and Wilson were on Hollywood Squares frequently.

Long Beach Independent Press telegram 28 Sept 1974 Private services were held for family and friends for Arquette who expired. The body was to be cremated after the private service held at Encino Community Church in Tarzana Calif. He had a brother in San Francisco - Russ and a son Lewis in Chicago. Thus, Clifford known as the Mayor of Sherman Oaks departed us. It would be nice to have one of those Mt. Idy Yum Yum's from the store.

