

Guy Kibbee, Film Actor, Dies

Guy Kibbee, movie actor who was born in El Paso, died in East Islip, N. Y., today. He was 70.

His father, Jarr Kibbee, was editor of The Herald. The family moved to Las Cruces and then Roswell. Mr. Kibbee ran a hand press in his father's printing shop until he was 14. Then he ran away with a stock theater company to tour the Indian Territory.

From the traveling company, Mr. Kibbee moved on to bigger stock companies in the Midwest and finally went to New York, where he scored an immediate success on the stage. From there he went to Hollywood, where he was sometimes called the great scene stealer. He was best known for his ability to portray the simple, human, everyday man.

Mr. Kibbee's greatest success was his role in "Scattergood Baines." Some of his other well remembered roles were in "Babbitt," "Three Men On a Horse," "Let Freedom Ring" and "Three Comrades."

Mrs. Milton Kibbee of El Paso, wife of Guy Kibbee's youngest brother, said they had not heard from Mr. Kibbee since he became ill about a year ago. Mrs. Kibbee said her husband worked with Guy Kibbee when he owned his own road company in 1905. She said they went to Hollywood together.

The Kibbees in El Paso are known for their work in Playhouse Theater.

Guy Kibbee is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esther Kibbee; four sons and a daughter, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Witham of Canras, Washington.

Guy Kibbee, EP-Born Actor, Dies

Guy Kibbee, 74, El Paso-born stage and screen actor, died Thursday in a New York sanitarium after a long illness. He was famous for his portrayal of Scattergood Baines in the movies.

Kibbee, who left El Paso eight or 10 years after his birth in 1882, attended El Paso schools. He traveled all over the Southwest with his father, a newspaperman who founded newspapers in Roswell and Las Cruces, N. M.



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According to an El Paso niece, Miss Lois Kibbee, the actor began his theatrical career when he was about 18 years old, traveling with a theater group outside of Chicago.

He rose from Mississippi showboats to the Broadway stage, graduating to bigger things when he was given top billing in more than 100 Hollywood films, which included several movies with the then queen of the child stars, Shirley Temple.

When he entered the home for sick and needy actors, which is supported by the Actors Fund of America, Kibbee especially liked to watch the "Scattergood Baines" movies over television.

Born here March 6, 1882, Kibbee entered the sanitarium in 1953 and had been bedridden with Parkinson's disease for more than a year.

Other survivors besides Miss Kibbee include a brother, Milton Kibbee, also of El Paso; three sons, John and Robert of New York, and Guy Jr., of Los Angeles; a daughter, Shirley, of Los Angeles, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Witham of Canras, Wash.