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### Editor's Note

#### **Dedicated to Shirley Temple Black...**

In the 1930s, she was the little shining star that our great nation needed to pull itself out of the throes of the Great Depression. Americans flocked to the movies to be cheered up by the little girl with the golden corkscrew curls and bubbly, effervescent personality. But, as we all know, **Shirley Temple** was not a "little star". By the time she was 3 years old, she was making movies in Hollywood. Very soon after that, Little Miss Miracle would become Hollywood's most-famous child star ever -- a big star that shined brightly for the rest of her life.

With her passing last month at the age of 85, it is a very sad time for the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Shirley Temple Black was a longtime San Francisco Bay Area resident who was a dedicated, wonderfully-involved member and supporter of our Chapter for five decades. Nearly 20 years ago, our Chapter inducted her into the *Silver Circle* to recognize her many significant contributions to the television industry. In addition to the world claiming her as its own during the height of her movie career, we are proud to say that *Shirley was one of us* in the Chapter, our most famous member ever.

We at *Off Camera* are dedicating this month's issue to Shirley's memory. In this issue, you can read about her career as an actress and U.S. diplomat and being a longtime Bay Area resident. She was a friend to many of us as well, as you'll read in **Terry Lowry's** special remembrance of her. We are also featuring a special *Gold & Silver Circle* profile about Shirley this month.

In this issue, we also remember **Jim Lange** and **William Schuyler**.

Jim passed away in late February at his Mill Valley home here in the Bay Area. He was a legendary radio voice in San Francisco for decades, and also worked in radio in Los Angeles. But, the nation grew to know him, beginning in the 1960s, as the popular host of *The Dating Game* and *The \$100,000 Name That Tune*. He was a very nice man who won't soon be forgotten.

William was an instrumental force in the creation of television broadcasting here in northern California, helping to launch stations in the Bay Area, Sacramento and Monterey. His technological genius was also the mark of a true legend. Like Shirley, Jim and William were also



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inductees of our *Silver Circle*.

There's much more in this issue of *Off Camera*, from the covering of this month's Oscars to features about Chapter events and people. Scroll down to check out the entire issue, or, have a look at our table of contents, below and just to the left, to find out what else we have in store for you this month.

Thanks so very much again for reading and supporting *Off Camera*. We truly hope you will enjoy reading this month's issue.

***SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK: 1928-2014***

# Shirley Temple Black Dies

***Most Famous Child Star In Hollywood History Was Silver Circle Inductee; Friend To NATAS' S.F./NorCal Chapter***

**By Kevin Wing**

**Chapter Vice President, San Francisco**

**Shirley Temple Black**, who rose to fame as the most popular child star in Hollywood history and, undoubtedly, was the most famous member of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, died Feb. 10 at her home in the Bay Area.

Temple Black was 85 years old, and died of natural causes at her home in Woodside. She was surrounded by family and caregivers, according to a statement by **Cheryl Kagan**.

The actress and diplomat, who would have celebrated her 86th birthday on April 23, was inducted into the Chapter's *Silver Circle* in 1996 in recognition of her contributions to the television industry. In 1992, Temple Black received the Governors' Award, the highest honor the Chapter can bestow. In 1964, the Chapter honored her with the Governors' Service Medallion for her dedication and service to the Chapter.

Temple was 3 years old when she began acting. By the time she was 10, she became a top box-office draw. At that time, she commanded a then-unheard of

salary of \$50,000 per movie. The first film that got her noticed was 1932's *War Babies*, which was part of the *Baby Burlesks* series of short films.

For nearly 18 years, she sang, danced and acted her way into the hearts of moviegoers throughout the country and around the world. Her trademark ringlets were popular with little girls everywhere for nearly four decades, from the 1930s through the 1970s.

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox produced a series of feature films with the talented little girl. *Little Miss Marker*, *Curly Top* (both 1934) and *The Littlest Rebel* (1935) were her biggest hits.

The studio eventually released *Bright Eyes*, which introduced Temple's signature song, *On The Good Ship Lollipop*. The song sold more than 500,000 copies at that time, and earned Temple a special Academy Award.

Temple's star was so bright in the 1930s, she was the number-one box office draw, besting legendary stars like **Clark Gable** and **Bing Crosby** for movie supremacy. From 1935 to 1938, she was the No. 1 movie attraction. Her movies produced happy uplifting moments that came at a time when the nation was still reeling from the effect of the Great Depression.

In 1940, Temple and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox mutually decided it was time to part ways. The year before, in 1939, as she got older, her popularity began to fade.

In 1945, she married actor John Agar. They divorced five years later. In 1950, at 22, Temple married **Charles Black**. They remained married for 55 years until his death in 2005.

With her film and television career behind her, Temple Black became a foreign diplomat, serving in the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations for five years, from 1969 to 1974. She became U.S. ambassador to Ghana from 1974 to 1976, and was U.S. ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1989 to 1992.

Temple Black remained a cultural icon for decades following her reign on the silver screen.

In 1958, she returned to show business to host *Shirley Temple's Storybook*, a successful anthology series of fairy tale adaptations that aired on NBC. In 1960, it became *The Shirley Temple Show*, remaining on the air until the following year.

Temple Black received numerous awards throughout her career, including two lifetime achievement awards. In 1935, Temple left her footprints and handprints in the wet cement at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. In 1960, she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for her work in movies.

She is survived by her three children, **Linda Agar**, from her first marriage to actor **John Agar**, and **Charles Alden Black, Jr.**, and **Lori Alden Black**, from her second marriage to Charles Black. She is also survived by a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.



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**SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK: 1928-2014**

**Hollywood Screen Legend**

**Was Friend To Many In Bay Area**

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**Remembering Shirley Temple Black**

*In San Francisco in 1996, Shirley Temple Black is inducted into the Silver Circle of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for her many significant contributions to the television industry. Seated: **Berta Lowry**, mother of **Terry Lowry**. Standing, from left to right: **Diane Paskerian**, **Shirley Temple Black**, an unnamed friend of **Berta Lowry**, **Fred LaCosse** and **Terry Lowry**.*

*Photo Courtesy of Terry Lowry***By Terry Lowry****Chairperson, Gold & Silver Circle Committee**

My mother was so thrilled to meet **Shirley Temple Black** in 1996. Shirley and I were honored together at the *Gold & Silver Circle* luncheon that year. She was charming and unpretentious with everyone in attendance.

As a teenager growing up in Durango, Mexico, my mother and her sisters never missed any of Shirley's movies.

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They would attend the local theatre every weekend to watch Shirley's magical movies. My mother continued to enjoy her movies on television and video.

**SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK: 1928-2014****Gold & Silver Circle Profiles****GOLD & SILVER CIRCLE PROFILES**

by Kevin Wing

**Shirley Temple Black**

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She was a California girl. Born in Santa Monica on April 23, 1928, just a few miles from Hollywood, a young **Shirley Temple** would eventually become the most-famous child star in the world well before the age of 10.

And, in her later years, after marrying **Charles Black** - the love of her life - she changed her name to **Shirley Temple Black**. After her extraordinarily successful movie career as a child actress, she eventually turned to television before becoming a U.S. diplomat. And, though she hailed from southern California, she and her husband chose the San Francisco Bay Area to be their home, living in Woodside, along the San Mateo County peninsula, until her death Feb. 10 at the age of 85.

Temple Black was undeniably the most-famous member of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, which inducted her, in 1996, into the Chapter's distinguished *Silver Circle* for her many years of contributions to the television industry. Four years before, the Chapter bestowed the highest honor that any member could receive - the Governors' Award. Temple Black had always been dedicated to the Bay Area

television industry, and that was evident to the Chapter three decades before. That's when the Chapter - in 1964 - honored her with the Governors' Service Medallion for her many invaluable contributions to the Chapter.

Raised during the Great Depression, Temple was born to a banker and a housewife. She was just three years old when she landed her first contract with Educational Pictures, making her acting debut in a series of low-budget movies dubbed "Baby Burlesques". Her mother took advantage of her toddler's natural flair for dancing by enrolling her in dance classes a few months later. Her father became her agent and financial adviser.

And that was just the beginning of what would become a lifetime in the spotlight for the young California girl. The "Baby Burlesks" films caught the attention of the big movie studios in Hollywood, and the Fox Film Corporation was the first of the majors to sign her on.

By 6, Temple starred in *Carolina*, her first Hollywood feature film. With Fox, she made eight more films, including *Little Miss Marker*, which went on to become a box-office smash. The nation, still reeling from the Great Depression,

flocked to the theaters to see Temple's movies, which provided a morale boost for Americans struggling through the economic downturn. In fact, President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** called Temple "Little Miss Miracle", giving her credit for raising the nation's morale during times of economic hardship, even going so far as to say, "As long as our country has Shirley Temple, we will be all right."

Temple received a special Academy Award in the mid-1930s for her song-and-dance routine in





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1934's *Bright Eyes*, in which she danced to the tune of *On the Good Ship Lollipop*. She was also "Outstanding Personality" of 1934. In 1940, by the time she was 12 years old, Temple had 43 movies to her credit.

As the most-famous little girl in the world with the bouncing golden corkscrew curls began to mature, her popularity with movie audiences began to drop. As an adolescent, her appearance in 1940's *The Blue Bird* failed at the box office. In 1947, at the age of 19, she appeared with **Cary Grant** and **Myrna Loy** in *The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer*. Though the film received critical praise, moviegoers did not receive it well. By then, audiences were coming to terms with the fact that their "Little Miss Miracle" was growing up.



Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Temple Black (who married Black in 1950) began working in television, appearing sporadically on the small screen. From 1958 to 1961, she starred in her own NBC anthology series, *Shirley Temple's Storybook*. During the show's final year on the air, it was retitled *The Shirley Temple Show*.

Temple Black recognized that her work in entertainment appeared to be coming to an end, so she refocused her efforts on a career in public service. In 1967, she unsuccessfully ran for a California Congressional seat. In 1969, she became ambassador to the United Nations for one year. Then, in 1974, Temple Black was appointed ambassador to Ghana. In 1976 - just in time for the nation's Bicentennial celebration - she became chief of protocol of the United States, a position she would hold until 1977.

In 1988, Temple Black became the only person to date to achieve the rank of honorary U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Her ambassador duties were far from over at that point in her life. From 1989 to 1992, she served as ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

In 1998, Temple Black's accomplishments as an actress, entertainer and diplomat were recognized at the Kennedy Center Honors, held at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In 2005, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Screen Actors Guild.

Following Temple Black's death last month, her family issued this statement: "We salute her for a life of remarkable achievements as an actor, a diplomat, and most importantly as our



beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and adored wife of 55 years."  
There will never be another Shirley Temple.



## Jim Lange, Bay Area TV And Radio Legend, Dies

### *"The Dating Game", "Name That Tune" Made Host World-Famous*

**By Kevin Wing**  
**Chapter Vice President, San Francisco**

**Jim Lange**, a legendary Bay Area radio and television personality who went on to international fame as host of television's *The Dating Game* and *The \$100,000 Name That Tune*, died Feb. 25 in Marin County.

Lange died at his home in Mill Valley after suffering a heart attack. He was 81.

Among the most well-known members of the San Francisco/Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Lange was inducted into the Chapter's *Silver Circle* in 1993. He was also inducted into the Bay Area Radio