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Some people are famous enough to go by one name. But she was so famous, she could go by one laugh:



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Phyllis Diller died Monday at the age of 95. She never set out to be a comedian – she studied piano. But as she tells it, her husband couldn’t get a job, and so off she went to the Purple Onion in San Francisco in 1955 to try comedy. She was good enough that a producer thought she’d make a funny contestant on Grouch Marx’s You Bet Your Life:



By the way -- that’s what passed for sexual innuendo in the 50’s. But soon she WAS earning a living -- and unlike today’s woman -- who has it all -- her career clearly had a tragic effect on her skills as a housewife:



"I do dinner in three phases: serve the food, clear the table, bury the dead. (audience laughs)" (:05)

She was the ornery take-this-job-and-shove-it housewife 20 years before Roseanne. There were other women doing comedy in the 50’s and 60’s, but she was the first to do stand-up – with most of her ammo aimed directly at herself:



"I was the world's ugliest baby. When I was born, the doctor slapped everybody. (audience laughs)" (:06)

She actually wasn’t joking about that -- after her various plastic surgeries she admitted she missed her old face r:



No. She did a few dramatic roles:



But she will always be remembered for her electrocuted hair, the cigarette holder, that quick wit… and that laugh:



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