

# Florence Henderson- Dale's daughter

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Her light continued to shine and she appeared in *Oklahoma*, as well as several



television specials and also portrayed Meg March in a CBS-TV musical adaptation of *Little Women* that aired October 16, 1958.

She was most widely known for her role as *The Brady Bunch* mom Carol Brady (1969-74), and appeared on many other television series, including *The Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote*, *L.A. Law*, *Roseanne*, *The King of Queens*, and *Dancing with the Stars*. She also reprised the role of Carol Brady in several *Brady Bunch* spin-offs and films.

Prior to becoming the lovely lady who

was bringing up three very lovely girls, Florence Henderson was the first woman to guest-host *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson* during a transitional period in 1962.

Primarily owing to her role on *The Brady Bunch*, Henderson was ranked by TV Land and Entertainment Weekly as No. 54 on their list of the 100 Greatest TV Icons.

Following the end of her run on *The Brady Bunch*, she hosted her own talk show, *The Florence Henderson Show*, and a cooking show, *Who's Cooking with Florence Henderson?* Her film and television roles continued until her death (she portrayed Mrs. Robinson in the film *Fifty Shades of Black*, not to be confused with *Fifth Shades of Grey* and an episode of *KC Undercover*).

Beginning in the mid-1990s, she sang "God Bless America" at the Indianapolis 500 accompanied by the Purdue All-American Marching Band, at the request of the Hulman-George family, owners of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Henderson was immortalized with a

star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1996.

She was married twice. With her first husband, Ira Bernstein, she had four children — Barbara, Joseph, Bob and Elizabeth. She married her second husband, Dr. John George Kappas, in 1987. He preceded her in death in 2002.

About that same time she became a public benefactor for the Sisters of St. Benedict and appeared in a number of their promotional videos and helped in fundraising efforts. She won money for the monastery on the game show *Weakest Link* and on a classic-television-themed episode of *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire* she won \$32,000 in their name.

Yes, Florence Agnes Henderson is most likely the most famous person to have been born in Spencer County (Abraham Lincoln lived here but started life in Kentucky). What's not surprising is that despite her success, she will always be remembered as kind, considerate, talented and a lovely lady.



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