

JUNE LOCKHART Bio In Brief



While presenting at the Creative Arts Daytime EMMY Awards ceremony on June 20th, 2014, Ms. June Lockhart remarked, "Thomas Edison, used a company of actors to present his products to buyers. Two particular performers he hired and introduced to each other were Gene Lockhart and Kathleen Arthur-Lockhart. So, generationally speaking, you could say I was the result of one of Edison's good ideas."

Today, Ms. Lockhart is celebrating her 81st year as an entertainment professional. She received her first professional check 81 years ago for \$2.50. She says "It's still larger than some of the residuals I receive." She co-starred in films with individuals such as Bette Davis in "All This and Heaven" and Judy Garland in "Meet Me In St. Louis," and would, of course, later become one of TV's most celebrated moms.

June made her professional debut at age eight and her screen debut in MGM's version of *A Christmas Carol*, followed by her Broadway debut "For Love or Money," winning the Tony (known then as The Antoinette Perry Award) in the category of "Best Debut." The overnight toast of Broadway, then went on to become one of TV's most recognizable moms, co-starring in popular series like "Lassie," "Lost in Space" and "Petticoat Junction." One of June's earliest television memories, was her first appearance on "Kukla, Fran and Ollie," in 1953. June fondly recalls one of her favorite TV mom roles (and her first as a grandmother) as Maria Ramirez on the daytime drama, "General Hospital" and June recently appeared in Vanity Fairs TV Mini Short representing TV in the 60's. Included among her other 130+ television credits are *Grey's Anatomy*, *Guns Smoke*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Beverly Hills 90210*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Quincy*, *Falcon Crest*, *The Colbys*, *Roseanne*, etc.

There are currently five stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the Lockhart family, June was included among the first legendary ladies of stage and screen to have her career inducted into the Smithsonian Institution's first permanent "Entertainment Exhibit," and late last year, the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) presented June with their Exceptional Public Achievement Medal.

