

Clayton Moores death signals end of an era

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Those silver bullets were not meant for werewolves, they were a symbol. A symbol of purity, honesty, bravery, and honor. And even though Clayton Moore was in over sixty films, he will always be remembered as the Lone Ranger, the good guy in the white hat that was the defender of the downtrodden.

Though Clayton Moore has passed on, The Lone Ranger will live on in the memories of countless baby boomers and others who

watched him in re-run after re-run. Clayton Moore died of a heart attack Tuesday, December 28, 1999 at the West Hills Hospital in West Hills, California. He was 85.

"My father was an incredibly humble man who was honored to have portrayed this amazing character, Moore's daughter, Dawn Moore Gerrity, said last week. "He constantly strove to live up to the finest tenets of the Lone Ranger, knowing he influenced children worldwide."

The Lone Ranger embodied the morals of honor, duty to others,

bravery, maintaining the U.S. democracy, and a persons need to bettering the world around them. Moore often commented that his character espoused the creed that everyone has within himself the power to make this a better world."

It was this firmly idealized belief of Moores that is lacking in television and films today.

"For people who grew up with his television version, he was the Lone Ranger," commented James Nottage, chief curator of the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, "He conveyed certain values and behavior, how kids were expected to act."

The questions that must be asked though are; Should we expect actors of our generation to live up

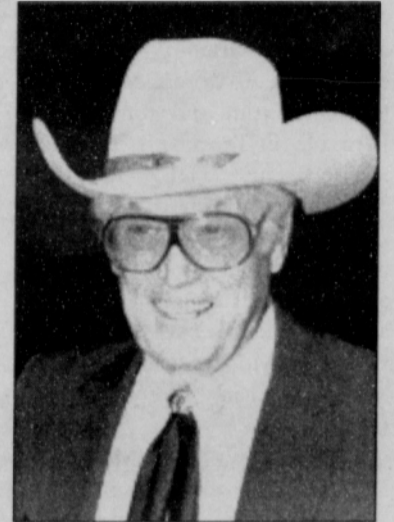
to and embody such noble ideas? Do they now, and if not, should they? Where is the modern masked man teaching our children the values that we were taught by the Lone Ranger?

Regardless, we can say that he taught what was right and wrong, that good should always triumph over evil, and that we all can make this a better world.

One more question that should be asked is what can we do to honor Moores memory and to improve this world?

"We're losing them one by one," Dusty Rogers, son of Roy Rogers said, "It is really an end of an era now."

Who was that masked man?
Adios Kemo Sabe.



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"When I go, I want them to say, 'Who was that masked man?'" Clayton Moore



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