

June Marlowe



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June Marlowe (born Gisela Valaria Goetten, November 6, 1903 – March 10, 1984) was an American film actress who began her career during the silent film era. Her most well known role was that of "Miss Crabtree", in the *Our Gang* shorts.

Career

Marlowe was born to German parents in St. Cloud, Minnesota. $^{[1]}$ She was a prolific actress in silent films during the 1920s, appearing in films opposite John Barrymore and Rin Tin Tin. She was one of the WAMPAS Baby Stars of $1925.\frac{[2]}{}$ Her career did well until the introduction of talking pictures. Marlowe did not make an easy transition, and by 1930 she was starting to drift away from acting.

By chance, she happened to meet director Robert F. McGowan one day in a Los Angeles, California, department store. McGowan was searching for an actress to portray the schoolteacher in the Our Gang series of children's comedies. After producer Hal Roach suggested that brunette Marlowe don a blonde wig to match the hair of the lead kid in the series, Jackie Cooper, she was given the part of Miss Crabtree.

Marlowe and Cooper were paired together in three *Our Gang* films, Teacher's Pet, School's Out and Love Business. She also had a small role in 1931's Little Daddy. In addition to her work in Our Gang, Marlowe appeared in fellow Roach stars Laurel and Hardy's first feature film, Pardon Us.

Marlowe's Miss Crabtree character was used in only two more shorts, 1931's Shiver My Timbers and 1932's Readin' and Writin'. After Cooper left Our Gang in 1931 she appeared in MGM features.

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Born	Gisela Valaria Goetten November 6, 1903 St. Cloud, Minnesota, U.S.	
Died	March 10, 1984 (aged 80) Burbank, California, U.S.	
Resting	Cathedral of Our	
place	Lady of the Angels	
Occupation	Actress	
Years active	1923–1932	
Spouse	Rodney Sprigg (m. 1933; died 1982)	

Later years and death

On July 2, 1933, Marlowe married <u>Hollywood</u> businessman Rodney Sprigg and retired from motion pictures to become a housewife. The couple remained married until Sprigg's death in 1982. In her later years, she suffered from <u>Parkinson's disease</u>, dying from complications on March 10, 1984.

Marlowe was originally buried at the <u>San Fernando Mission</u> Cemetery. She was later re-interred in the <u>Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. [5]</u>

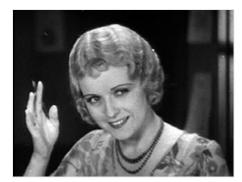
In popular culture

The name of <u>Edna Krabappel</u>, a cartoon character from the animated <u>television series</u> <u>The Simpsons</u>, was chosen by early <u>Simpsons</u> writers <u>Wallace Wolodarsky</u> and <u>Jay Kogen</u> in 1990 as a play on the fruit "<u>crabapple</u>" and as a reference to Miss Crabtree from the *Our Gang* shorts. [6]

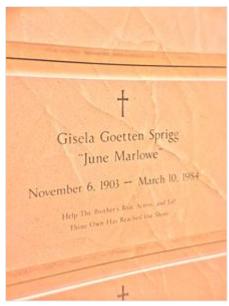
Filmography

Short subject

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1924	Killing Time		
1924	Horace Greeley, Jr.		
1930	Fast Work	June Marlowe	
1930	Teacher's Pet	Miss Crabtree	
1930	School's Out	Miss Crabtree	
1931	Love Business	Miss Crabtree	
1931	Little Daddy	Miss Crabtree	
1931	Shiver My Timbers	Miss Crabtree	
1932	Readin' and Writin'	Miss Crabtree	



Marlowe in her signature role of Miss Crabtree from the 1930 *Our Gang* short *School's Out*.



Crypt of June Marlowe at the Los Angeles Cathedral

Features

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1923	Fighting Blood	Minor role	Uncredited
1924	When a Man's a Man	Kitty Reid	
1924	The Tenth Woman	Rose Ann Brainherd	
1924	Find Your Man	Patricia Reynolds	
1924	A Lost Lady	Constance Ogden	
1925	The Man Without a Conscience	Ann Sherman	
1925	Tracked in the Snow Country	Joan Hardy	
1925	The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted	Mary Paterson	
1925	Below the Line	May Barton	
1925	The Clash of the Wolves	Sylvia Norcross	
1925	The Pleasure Buyers	Helen Ripley	
1926	The Night Cry	Mrs. John Martin	
1926	Don Juan	Trusia	Uncredited
1926	The Old Soak	Ina Heath	Lost film
1926	Fangs of Justice	Janet Morgan	
1927	The Fourth Commandment	Marjorie Miller	
1927	The Life of Riley	Molly O'Rourke	Lost film
1927	Wild Beauty	Helen Cunningham	
1927	On the Stroke of Twelve	Doris Bainbridge	
1928	Alias the Deacon	Phyllis/Mrs. Nancy Blythe	
1928	Their Hour	Peggy	
1928	Free Lips	Ann Baldridge	
1928	The Branded Man	Louise	
1928	The Foreign Legion	Gabrielle	
1928	The Grip of the Yukon	Sheila O'Neil	Lost film
1928	Code of the Air	Helen Carson	
1929	The Brandenburg Arch	Frieda, seine Tochter	German title: Durchs Brandenburger Tor. Solang noch Untern Linden
1929	The Unusual Past of Thea Carter	Thea Carter	German title: <i>Die seltsame Vergangenheit der Thea Carter</i>
1930	The Lone Defender	Dolores Valdez	
1931	Los Presidiarios	Warden's daughter	Uncredited
1931	Pardon Us	Warden's daughter	

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1932	Devil on Deck	Mary Moore	
1935	Roaring Roads	June Marlowe	

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