

Frances Robinson Biography

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Frances Robinson played the original Clare “Brooksie” Brooks in *Let George Do It* from October 18, 1946 until replaced by Virginia Gregg in 1949. Robinson was born in Fort Wandsworth, New York on April 26, 1916. She was one of the few entertainers of the era who did not start out in radio, moving to Hollywood in her teens in search of fame and fortune. Robinson secured her first small role as a blonde drunk in the 1935 movie *Millions in the Air*.

Robinson performed in nearly 60 other movie roles through 1967 including *Dr. Jeckyl & Mr. Hyde* (1941), *Keeper of the Bees* (1947), *Suddenly It's Spring* (1947), *Backfire* (1950), *Bedtime Story* (1963), *Kitten with a Whip* (1964), *The Lively Set* (1964), and *The Happiest Millionaire* (1967).

On radio Frances Robinson appeared as Ellen Deering opposite Jose Ferrer' title role in *Philo Vance* in the summer of 1945, before taking on the role of Brooksie. She also starred in *Murder and Mr. Malone* in 1947 and *Richard Diamond* from 1949-51.

Robinson appeared in numerous TV shows in the latter part of her career, starting with the *Armstrong Circle Theatre* in 1952 and concluding with “A Storm in Summer,” part of the *Hallmark Hall of Fame* in 1970.

Robinson died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, California on August 16, 1971 at the very tender age of 55.

