

Eddie Firestone Jr. Biography

Eddie Firestone, Jr., who played Sonny the Office Boy, from 1946 – 1948, in the earlier, comedic *Let George Do It* episodes, was an extremely popular character actor who appeared in hundreds of radio shows, TV shows and movies beginning in the 1940s.

Firestone was born on December 11, 1920 in San Francisco, California. He played two title roles during his early radio career. He was the first actor to play Joey Brewster in the old radio hit *That Brewster Boy*, from 1941 – 1945. He later played the title in *Harold Teen*,



a far less successful situation comedy. He followed this with roles in many of the radio based soap operas, including *Hawthorne House*, *One Man's Family*, *Vic & Sade*, *Mary Marlin* and *Woman in White*.

With the advent of television, Firestone was able to find lots of work opportunities and a long TV career. His many credits included *Dragnet*; *Disneyland*; *Dobie Gillis*; *Dick Van Dyke*; *Perry Mason*; *The Fugitive*; *The Big Valley*; *Hogan's Heroes*; *The Rockford Files* and *Dallas*. He will perhaps be best remembered for playing 'Hap' in the 1960s western series *Gunsmoke*.

Firestone made his film debut with a minor role in *The Jackpot* in 1950. His other main movie credits included *Good Morning Miss Dove*(1955); *The Great Locomotive Chase*(1956); *Joe Butterfly*(1957); *The Mountain Road*(1960); *Two for the Seesaw*(1962); *Panic in the City*(1968); *Duel*(1971) and *The Stone Killer*(1973).

Firestone died of respiratory and heart failure in Sherman Oaks, California on March 1, 2007 at the age of 86 He is buried at the Pierce Bros. Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood..