

Kathleen Lockhart

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Kathleen Lockhart was born Katherine Arthur on August 9, 1894, in Southsea, Hampshire, England. Her acting career spanned more than 50 years on radio, stage, and screen – many of her appearances with her husband, Gene Lockhart.

In London she was a member of the Dickens Fellowship, then moved to Toronto, Canada, and joined the Vaughn Glaser Repertory Company. In 1924 she married Gene Lockhart and moved to the United States.

Her radio credits include *Abroad with the Lockharts*, *Tonight in Hollywood*, *Lux Radio Theatre*, *The Nebbs*, *Cavalcade of America* and *Family Theatre*. She also appeared in more than 30 films, including the Arch Oboler movie *Bewitched* (1945), *Roughly Speaking* (1945), *Lady in the Lake* (1946), and *The Glenn Miller Story* (1954) as Mrs. Glenn Miller.

She and her husband Gene regularly acted together, often as husband and wife. Two radio series where they starred together include *Abroad with the Lockharts* and *The Nebbs*. Some of their several film appearances together include *Penrod's Double Trouble* (Frank and Laura Schofield), *Sweethearts* (Augustus and Aunt Amelia), and the 1938 version of *A Christmas Carol* (Bob and Mrs. Cratchit) – which also included their daughter, June Lockhart, in her acting debut as their on-screen daughter Belinda.

After her husband's passing in 1957, Kathleen retired from acting, apart from a small role in the 1959 film *The Purple Gang*. On February 8, 1960, she was awarded a star for her motion picture work on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her husband Gene and their daughter June were both awarded two stars each for television and film that same day.

Kathleen Lockhart passed away February 18, 1978, in Los Angeles, California, after a long illness. She was 84. She was survived by her daughter, June, and actress granddaughters Anne and Junie Lockhart.

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