

TERRY DOYLE
1933 – 2005

What is the best part about being an actor? According to professional actor, Terry Doyle, it is giving people pleasure. Terry Doyle was born in Guelph on June 29, 1933. He attended the GCVI from grades 9 to 11. He enjoyed geography, English, and physical education, and was involved in Acta Nostra and various dance committees. After high school he worked in sales and accounting, and eventually opened his own employment agency, Doyle Personnel Limited.

In 1956 he began acting with the Guelph Little Theatre (GLT) after being told he was too shy. Doyle met his wife, Joyce Murphy, during the play, My Sister Eileen, in 1959. In 1966 Doyle played the lead role in GLT's production of The Broken Jug and was nominated for best actor. During the mid 1970's he acted in his first film, Recommendation for Mercy, and by 1980 he had decided he wanted to have a career in acting. During the years 1980, 1981, and 1986, he acted in the production Anne of Green Gables. He performed over 300 performances in Prince Edward Island and across Canada.

Even though Doyle has acted in several commercials for products such as Ford, Zest, and Cheeze-Whiz, and has been in TV sitcoms and movies, he prefers acting in plays and musicals. He enjoys acting in front of a live audience because he likes getting an immediate response.

In June 1995, while playing the role of Polly's father in Crazy for You, he was asked to audition for the part of Maurice in Beauty and the Beast. He got the part and has performed in over 325 shows to date. After his contract ends in December 1996, Doyle hopes to perform this same role with the cast in London, England.

Terry Doyle has two sons, Michael and David, and four grandchildren. When he dies, Doyle would like people to remember that "when he lived, he lived".

Julie Fischer
Sarah Fisher
May 1996
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Over 600 theatre patrons, sponsors, Rotarians, friends and family members gathered at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse on January 28, 2006 to pay tribute to the late Terry Doyle with a spirited celebration of music and laughter. Terry Doyle died suddenly, June 2005, while performing in the opening night performance of Beauty and the Beast in Grand Bend. <http://www.guelphcf.ca>