

R.I.P Sophia

In the late 80s, one comedy kept senior citizens glued to their televisions on Saturday night. [The Golden Girls](#) featured 3 mature ladies living together under one roof. Dorothy, Rose, and Blanche were the three main characters. However, it was the wise-cracking Sophia (the mother of Dorothy) who stole every scene she was in. Ironically, [Estelle Getty](#) was actually 15.5 months younger than her on-screen daughter, Bea Arthur. Sophia's acerbic wit and zingers (often directed to the promiscuous Blanche or the naive Rose) won Estelle 7 Emmy nominations and one statue for Best Supporting Actress (1988).

Estelle's talents were not limited to the small screen. She also appeared in 80s and 90s big screen comedies. In [Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot](#), she appeared as Sylvester Stallone's mother. She also was the head of a department store in [Mannequin](#). Not the world's most entertaining films but worth a mention (Mannequin was more entertaining than Sly's mediocre attempt to be funny) .

Estelle's career ended in early 2000. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with a severe case of dementia which later took her life.

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