

40th anniversary special

# Triumph & tragedy

■ *The Dick Van Dyke Show* cast returns to share old times and mourn their friends who couldn't make it

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**"O** HHHHH, Rob!" Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore are coming back to TV!

Nearly 40 years after "The Dick Van Dyke Show" went off the air, the sitcom's stars, along with co-stars Carl Reiner, Rose Marie, Jerry Van Dyke and Larry Mathews, are reuniting for a sidesplitting special that will air on CBS May 11.

"The Dick Van Dyke Show Revisited" — hosted by Ray Romano — will catch up with Rob, Laura, son Ritchie, boss Alan Brady and co-worker Sally Rogers nearly 40

years after the series left off.

In the show, TV star Brady, played by Reiner, calls former show writers Rob and Sally with an odd request — he wants them to write his eulogy before he dies.

And Van Dyke's real-life brother Jerry Van Dyke — who guested on the original series — will make a hilarious appearance as his onscreen brother.

"We had the grandest time being together," Rose Marie, who played Sally, told *The ENQUIRER*. "It was truly just like old times. Everyone just fell right into place, as though 40 years have not gone by."

But they have, and here for *ENQUIRER* readers is an update on what the stars have been up to since the last show aired in 1966:

### CARL REINER

At 82, Carl, who played Alan Brady on the sitcom, does an animated version of "The Alan Brady Show" for TV Land. He co-starred in the box office hit "Ocean's Eleven" and will appear in the sequel, "Ocean's Twelve." He also guest starred last year on TV's "Life with Bonnie." In 1998, Carl nearly died from pancreatitis. He and his wife Estelle have been happily wed for 60 years.

"I'm a lucky man," Reiner told a pal.



CARL as Alan

### ROSE MARIE

After the series ended, Rose Marie spent 16 years making audiences laugh as a regular on "The Hollywood Squares."

A widow since her husband Bobby died in 1966, Rose Marie, 79, lives in a cozy home in Hollywood where she frequently entertains friends and her only daughter.

She has only one regret about the reunion: "I just wish Morey Amsterdam, my dearest and closest

### ROSE MARIE with Richard and Morey



friend, could have lived to have been with us."

### MOREY & RICHARD

Morey Amsterdam, a.k.a. Buddy Sorrell, died in

October 1996 at 87 of a heart attack. Richard Deacon, who played bald producer Mel Cooley, passed away in 1984. He was 62.



DICK



JERRY as Stacey



CARL

ROSE MARIE