

Virginia Gregg

Birth name

Virginia Gregg Burket was born 4-6-1916 in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Trained as a musician, Virginia Gregg drew her first professional paychecks with the Pasadena Symphony. Gregg was sidetracked into radio in the 1940s, playing acting roles in an abundance of important California-based network programs. Was one of the busiest radio actors in the business. Regular appearances on such radio shows as Dragnet, Nightbeat, The Lone Ranger and many more. Had extremely wide range, playing any female character. Was radio's female equivalent to William Conrad, Ben Wright and Elliott Lewis. Virginia Gregg was most closely associated with the output of actor/producer/director Jack Webb: she co-starred in both of Webb's film versions of his popular radio and TV series Dragnet, and guest-starred in virtually every other episode of the 1967-70 Dragnet TV revival

Portrayed Helen Asher on NBC (1949-1952) and CBS (1952-1953 Radio's "Richard Diamond, Private Detective."

Second actress to play Claire "Brooksie" Brooks on Mutual Radio's "Let George Do It" (1949-1954).

Provided the voice of the mother in Psycho (1960), Psycho II (1983) and Psycho III (1986).

Even though uncredited, Ms. Gregg is probably most memorable for the voice of Norma Bates in all three Psycho films. Not just Gregg did the voice of Mrs. Bates, Paul Jasmin (Anthony Perkins's close friend) and actress Jeanette Nolan also applied the voice in the three films.

Had three sons with her husband, Jaime Del Valle who died on 16 September 1981.

Virginia Gregg died 9-15-1986. Cause of Death: lung cancer.

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