



Then and now: Mindy, Phillip, Beth and Rick



Light Reunites the Musketeers

Guiding Light is about to stage its own "Big Chill." Back in the mid-1980s, Phillip, Beth, Rick and Mindy were known as the Four Musketeers, and they were the hottest young characters in soaps—so hot that *GL* pushed *General Hospital* from the top spot in the ratings during their heyday. Now the show is bringing the pals back together for their 25th high-school reunion. The three-day event (March 6, 9, 10) marks

the return of Krista Tesreau, the original Mindy, who admits to a few jitters.

"I was worried the four of us might not blend the way we used to and have the same chemistry," she says. "But when we got together, it seemed like no time had passed at all and the old magic was still there. Better yet, I *still* fit into my old prom dress!"

This reunion would not be possible if Grant Aleksander (Phillip) hadn't returned to *GL* last month after a four-year

absence. Beth Chamberlin has played Beth since 1989 (Judi Evans was the original) and Michael O'Leary has starred as Rick since 1983.

"The show pulled out all the stops to restage our disco prom," says O'Leary, whose character pulled out a few things of his own. "Rick tries some Bee Gees moves on the dance floor with Mindy. His back goes out. His knees go out. He's doubled over in pain. I think the fans are gonna love it."

LOGAN RAVE



Maggie the cat is alive! So many beloved vets have been fired from *Days of Our Lives* recently that it's doubly terrific and a blessed relief to see Suzanne Rogers on fire. Her character, Maggie Horton, has turned mother tigress to protect her nephew Lucas, whose fiancée is secretly bedding the town manwhore (Maggie is also Lucas' AA sponsor). The setup has put the often ill-used Rogers front and center, and she's been wonderfully tough and touching, and so damn gorgeous to boot! We've always admired this lady—a former Radio City Rockette who became the very first supporting actress winner at the Daytime Emmys back in 1979—but with *Days*' history crumbling before our eyes, she's an even greater treasure now.

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Prior to his 1980 arrival in Llanview, Carey starred in prime-time series *Philip Marlowe* and *Laredo*

Tribute

YOU COULD SAY PHIL CAREY was bigger than life, but you wouldn't be doing the guy justice. The towering actor, who played *One Life to Live* oil tycoon Asa Buchanan, died February 6 at age 83 after a three-year bout with lung cancer. A hard-boiled ex-Marine who fought in both World War II and the Korean War, Carey acted in Westerns and war films with the likes of John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Gary Cooper and James Cagney. Yet he adored spoofing his he-man image: Carey played Granny Goose in a hugely popular series of potato-chip commercials in the 1960s and famously guest starred on *All in the Family* as Archie Bunker's macho drinking pal who turned out to be gay.

But it was his 27-year run as the awesomely horny, 14-times-married Asa that brought Carey his greatest popularity. Though the character was killed off when Carey left *OLTL* due to his illness in 2007, the actor sporadically returned to the set to tape one of Asa's video-will messages that would inevitably reveal scandalous info and send the plot hurtling in shocking new directions. He was last seen on air just over a month before his death. But then, that was Carey—raising hell till the very end.