

Charlotte Rae



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Charlotte Rae attended Northwestern University to study drama, where she participated in the annual Waa-Mu show and met fellow actress Cloris Leachman. After leaving the university, she began her Broadway career and went on to become a well-known television personality, most famous for her role as Mrs. Garrett in *The Facts of Life* and *Diff'rent Strokes*.

Early Career and Education

- Rae studied drama at Northwestern University, participating in the university's Waa-Mu Show.
- While at Northwestern, she met future actress Cloris Leachman, with whom she formed a lifelong friendship.

Broadway and Beyond

- After leaving Northwestern, Rae moved to New York City to pursue her career in acting.
- She starred in Broadway musicals, including "Three Wishes for Jamie," "Li'l Abner," and "Pickwick".
- Her performance in The Threepenny Opera on Broadway helped launch her career.

Television Career

- Rae became known for her television work, with early roles in *The Phil Silvers Show* and *Car 54, Where Are You?*.
- She is most recognized for her iconic role as Edna Garrett, the housekeeper, in the sitcoms *Diff'rent Strokes* and its spin-off, *The Facts of Life*.
- Her work on *The Facts of Life* earned her an Emmy Award nomination.
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