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M*A*S*H actor Allan Arbus dead at 95

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USPA News - American actor Allan Arbus, best known for playing the recurring role of psychiatrist Major Sidney Freeman on the 1970s TV hit series `M*ASH`, died in Southern California last week, his family confirmed on Tuesday. He was 95 years old.

The actor died on Friday at his home in Los Angeles as a result of complications of congestive heart failure, his daughter Arin said on Tuesday. He is survived by his second wife Mariclare Costello, his two daughters from his first marriage and his third daughter from his second marriage. Arbus, born in New York City in 1918, began his career in the 1940s by starting a photographic advertising business with his first wife Diane in Manhattan. After separating from her, Arbus landed his first acting role in the 1972 cult movie `Greaser`s Palace` as the main character. He continued to develop his acting career by appearing in several other movies before his successful casting as Major Freedman, the wise and caring psychiatrist on the TV series `M*ASH.` He appeared in 12 episodes of the series, the first being in September 1973 and the last in the series finale in February 1983. And although Arbus is probably best remembered for this TV role, he eventually made over 70 appearances in television and film. His last role came in 2000 when he appeared as Uncle Nathan on the HBO comedy series `Curb Your Enthusiasm.`

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