

## Old Friends

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In the 60's and 70's there were three TV programs we often watched. They were *M\*A\*S\*H\**, *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and *The Carol Burnett Show*. I missed these oldies when they changed to other programs.

When I moved to Windsor Gardens, I chose to connect my television that I was given to an antenna instead of cable or other possible hook ups. I was surprised when I found some of those oldies on one of the stations. There was *M\*A\*S\*H\**, *The Carol Burnet Show*, *Gomer Pyle* and a few others. It was like finding some old friends. That made me feel better in this new home.

I again started watching these old T.V. programs in the evening. It was *The Carol Burnett Show* I watched right before retiring for the day. It made me go to bed laughing and blocked out all the bad news of the day.

Then one day they changed the channel of these old friends. It just said "rescan." Holy cow – how do I rescan? I tried this and I tried that to no avail. As you might have guessed, I had a grandson come over and he showed me how to do it in about two minutes. Now I can do it – only problem even though I have scanned several times I cannot find my old friends.

Lynn sent me a special on YouTube of *The Carol Burnett Show* of her skit on toilet paper. I laughed out loud at this hilarious portrayal. With all the hoarding of the paper products right now it was surely a different take. Carol came home to find messages from all her family; each had written a note placed in different places on rolls of TP. She also received one from her neighbors and a burglar, which is why she needed to leave. She also got a *huge* roll from the Jolly Green Giant. All based their reasons on the fact that her toilet tissue wasn't soft enough.

To me, there aren't as many comedies now as then. They are just so different. I recently found a station that is showing *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. How about that, I have found an old friend again!