

Comedy star Eric Sykes dies aged 89

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The Press Association-Comic actor Eric Sykes has died at the age of 89 after a short illness.

In a wide-ranging career, he will be remembered best for the long-running and widely acclaimed Sykes And A... TV series with Hattie Jacques (photo by sixthland).

He also wrote scripts for stars such as Peter Sellers, Frankie Howerd and Stanley Unwin.

His manager, Norma Farnes, said: "Eric Sykes, 89, star of TV, stage and films died peacefully this morning after a short illness.

His family were with him."