

Nancy Olson

Class of 1946

The star of musicals and plays at Wauwatosia High School in the mid-1940s, Nancy Olson became a Hollywood star. Just four years after her high school graduation, having studied at UCLA, Olson was nominated for an Academy Award as best supporting actress for her role as “Betty Schaefer” in the classic “Sunset Boulevard.” Olson also starred in 16 other films, including “Union Station”, “Battle Cry”, “Pollyanna”, and “The Absent-Minded Professor.” She also starred in three Broadway plays, including “Mary, Mary,” and had a continuing role in TV’s “Paper Dolls.” Married to librettist Alan Jay Lerner, and later to entertainment executive Alan Livingston, Olson is the mother of three children and lives in Beverly Hills, California.

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