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Dear Sylvia - whom I met but once -
Dear Dena - whom we know -

Such a sad loss. We grieve with you.

Enclosed a tribute which will appear in the next AIWF news letter.

We always had such a good time with Danny, and shall always remember him with pleasure -

Paul & Julia Child

DANNY KAYE: 1913-1987

Not only was he one of the great comedians of all and any time, Danny Kaye was a great and gifted cook. It was one of his passions, and it is surprisng that such an important part of his life was not mentioned at all in his obituary notices.

Because cooking was such a consuming hobby, he was one of the very first of our AIWF founders. He was there for the famous AIWF dinner of chefs in San Francisco, he was there for the splendid affair honoring his friend, James Beard.

In fact, most of the famous in the food world were friends of Danny's, and he not only knew but he cooked for and with them. Whenever Bocuse, Vergé, Lenôtre et al were in town, for instance, they inevitably gathered in Danny's kitchen for joint orgies of French, Italian, and especially Chinese high-style cookery. And they all respected his talents as a chef, for Danny was so adept at the craft even three-star professionals considered him one of them.

A remarkable talent has passed our way, and we shall miss him sorely. What pleasure he gave to us all. Fortunately he gives it to us still whether or not we knew him personally, for he lives on in film, and we can enjoy him forever more.

Julia Child, March 12, 1987