

TRAGIC HEADLINE



Nothing could save the tall, good-looking Jeffrey Hunter from death. Born in New Orleans, La., his real name was Henry H. McKinnies, Jr. Only 43 years of age, his life was shortened by a brain tumor, leaving Emily McLaughlin a widow.

A nurse of the popular daytime TV series, *General Hospital*, Emily McLaughlin was Jeffrey Hunter's third wife. They married only a few weeks after they met.



AT THE HEIGHT OF HAPPINESS -DEATH

loved Jeffrey Hunter. He was a sensitive man, a warm and loving and compassionate man. His beautiful portrayal of Christ in the *King of Kings* will remain a monument for generations to come.

Everything about the hospital was familiar to Emily McLaughlin. But the scene this time was real; no cameras focussed on the patient in the bed. The doctors and nurses that hovered over him were real. The tears that Emily shed were real. The prayers she said over and over as she held her husband's hand were real.

Jeffrey Hunter was dying. Nothing could save him. Not her prayers. Not the skill of the doctors. This fine young man was doomed.

Jeff's real name was Henry H. McKinnies, Jr. He was born in New Orleans, La., 43 years ago. Handsome, 6'1", blue eyes and dark brown hair, he graduated from Northwestern University in 1949; a scholarship enabled him to do graduate work at UCLA. He served in the Navy in 1945.

Everything flourished for Jeff. His career, his marriage and his high hopes. Unhappily, his marriage to Barbara Rush ended in divorce, as did his marriage to Joan (Dusty) Hamilton Killian. Then Emily McLaughlin, recently divorced, came into his life. It was love at first sight. They married short weeks after they met. At the height of their happiness he died of a brain tumor resulting from a fall.

SHE had saved many patients, helped them back to health. She had a wonderful bedside manner, gave the ill and the discouraged the courage to fight on. She knew instinctively how to cater to the needs of others. Playing the role of a nurse on the top-rated daytime *General Hospital* series was as natural as breathing to Emily McLaughlin.

His portrayal of Jesus Christ with sensitivity and understanding did not surprise those who knew and