

**Joe Youngerman** National Executive Secretary , Director's Guild of America



Joseph Youngerman Building -  
**8436 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048**

Named in his honor by the Director's Guild of America.



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The Director's Guild Building just up on Sunset and around the corner from HTBE

This was from his obituary:

**Los Angeles, Nov. 22** - Longtime Guild official Joseph C. Youngerman died in Los Angeles Wednesday from complications following a stroke. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Molly, son Arthur, daughter Barbara, 12 grandchildren and 18 grandchildren.

One of the central figures in the history of the DGA, Mr. Youngerman served 27 years as the organization's National Executive Secretary following a distinguished 25 year production career that began in silent films as a prop man at Paramount. He went on to work as an assistant director for many legendary directors, including William Wellman, Cecil B. DeMille, Ernst Lubitsch and Rouben Mamoulian.

Among his achievements as Guild Executive Secretary were the historic mergers of the Screen Directors Guild with the Radio and Television Directors Guild and Screen Directors International to form the Directors Guild of America in 1960; construction of the DGA's national headquarters building at 7950 Sunset Boulevard during the 1950's; and expansion of the Guild's offices in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago.

His proudest accomplishment, however, was the creation of the Directors Guild-Producer Pension Plan based upon an ingenious proposal he mapped out one night when he couldn't sleep. Operating from his credo that "a strike is an effective weapon until you use it," Mr. Youngerman's pension plan proposal resulted in a major producer contribution to the pension funding in exchange for surrendering the Guild's lien on post-1948 films.

Joe was our Honorary Life Vice President and Molly was a member of our Board of Trustees.

On behalf of the Board, I made this statement at his funeral:

"We recall with love his great tzedakah to the general maintenance of the Temple, as well as to the nursery school and religious school.

His spiritual support and deep concern for the welfare of our Temple during its difficult times as well as its good times was invaluable, and his wisdom and experience will be sorely missed. "

He was one of the personages who helped keep an even keel on our board during hard times.