



"WHAT DID CLYDE HIDE?" Synopsis by Brenda Good

Six episodes written by Brenda Good, Ruth Kaufman and M.J. Starshak based on characters created by 17 professional Chicago-based actresses. Directed by Sean Patrick Leonard.

Setting: A virtual funeral in October, 2020.

Sixteen women attend the funeral of famous film director Clyde Pickle officiated by the Reverend Doctor Clovis Marshfield, virtual because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clyde Pickle (pronounced Pick-ell) was a 67-year-old Hollywood director and owner of a film studio who grew up in Wilmette, Illinois, with his parents, his older brother Phillip and his sister Marina. He owned homes all over the world, including a Gold Coast townhome and an incredible mansion in Beverly Hills. He also owned a private island in the Caribbean.

Clyde's parents died in a car crash when he was 13, and he was sent to Sister Terencia's Sacred Heart Convent School for Orphans because he was a real troublemaker. His brother and sister were taken in by an aunt and uncle. Before his parents' car crash, Clyde had his first affair, with his own babysitter Patty Sue. Because Patty Sue was 18 at the time, she was prosecuted and sent to prison for five years. Upon her release, Clyde, now an adult, married her.

Before Clyde was drafted for the Vietnam War, Patty Sue had given every penny earned working double shifts as a waitress and her small inheritance from her grandfather to finance Clyde's first film, which was successful and garnered the attention of Hollywood bigwigs. With Patty Sue's blessing, Clyde took off to Canada to avoid being sent to Vietnam. He met Penny Purdy and they began an affair to remember. Clyde promised to divorce Patti Sue, which he subsequently did, so he could marry Penny.

Clyde was fortunate to get pardoned for draft dodging by President Carter and so could legally return to the U.S.A. He dumped Penny Purdy upon his arrival in Hollywood. Thanks to his award-winning film made with Patty Sue's earnings, he had carte blanche to make a triptych of films for a major studio. This series of action films with sexy co-stars (including Dora Diva with whom he had a torrid affair) was his first blockbuster franchise.

While at a Cubs game, he and his agent Candy Rellish decided to open Pickle and Rellish Movie Studios. Candy gave over her entire nest egg. Candy and Clyde also had a love affair, though he was also secretly seeing his brother Phillip's wife, Anna Lee Pickle. When Anna Lee became pregnant, she was desperately afraid the child might not be her husband's, but figured that since Clyde and Phillip were brothers, her child



would still get Pickle DNA and no one would be the wiser. While working on his first film at Pickle and Rellish Studios, Clyde fell hard for the young up and coming actress Lucy Lighthouse. He left Candy and tricked her out of her share of the studio. Clyde married Lucy when she became pregnant. Lucy's blossoming career was derailed by the pregnancy.

After giving birth to their daughter Ina, Lucy suffered from postpartum psychosis, but what really put her over the edge was finding her husband Clyde in bed with the actress who replaced her during her pregnancy, Kathryn Dill. Lucy flipped and stabbed her husband several times with a pickle knife, almost killing him. She was sent to the Trans Allegheny Asylum for the Criminally Insane for her attempted murder.

Clyde couldn't handle a young daughter on his own, so although Ina was only five, he shipped her off to boarding school for nine years. Meanwhile, Clyde continued to have relations with his sister-in-law Anna Lee at the Palmer House when on location in Chicago. Phil suffered a massive fatal heart attack in 2018 and died at Northwestern Hospital. He had recently discovered the long time off and on affair and now questioned whether he was their daughter's biological father. Marina Pickle thinks Phil died of a broken heart because of his wife's infidelity with his own brother.

Clyde made many blockbusters but was such a perfectionist he kept going way over budget. This led to financial trouble, and he resorted to getting money from Dora Diva and Lola LaGrange to finance his next film that was to be filmed in Cuba. While Lola was in Cuba scouting locations for Clyde, she used her own credit card, expecting to be reimbursed.

Back in the States, Clyde was conducting several affairs. One was with his young secretary Delilah Lyn Youngheart, whom he impregnated and then affianced. He had flings with his personal art instructor/cat lady, Louisa Blondeau, and with his sexual therapist Rita Von Spacee, who was supposed to cure him of being a notorious womanizer. Clyde was very close to his televangelist and hard drinking minister, the Reverend Doctor Clovis Marshfield, and his personal attorney Karen Foxly. He kept in touch with Sister Mary Terencia and promised her money for the Sacred Heart Boarding School for Delinquent Youths.

Clyde had a penchant for red bras and gave them as presents. Clyde was found dead in his Palmer House suite, asphyxiated by a red bra (34DDD) strap around his neck. Ace reporter Tess McMiller was given the plum assignment of investigating his mysterious death and attends his virtual funeral to garner information for articles about "What Did Clyde Hide?"