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**Ellen Rose Albertini**

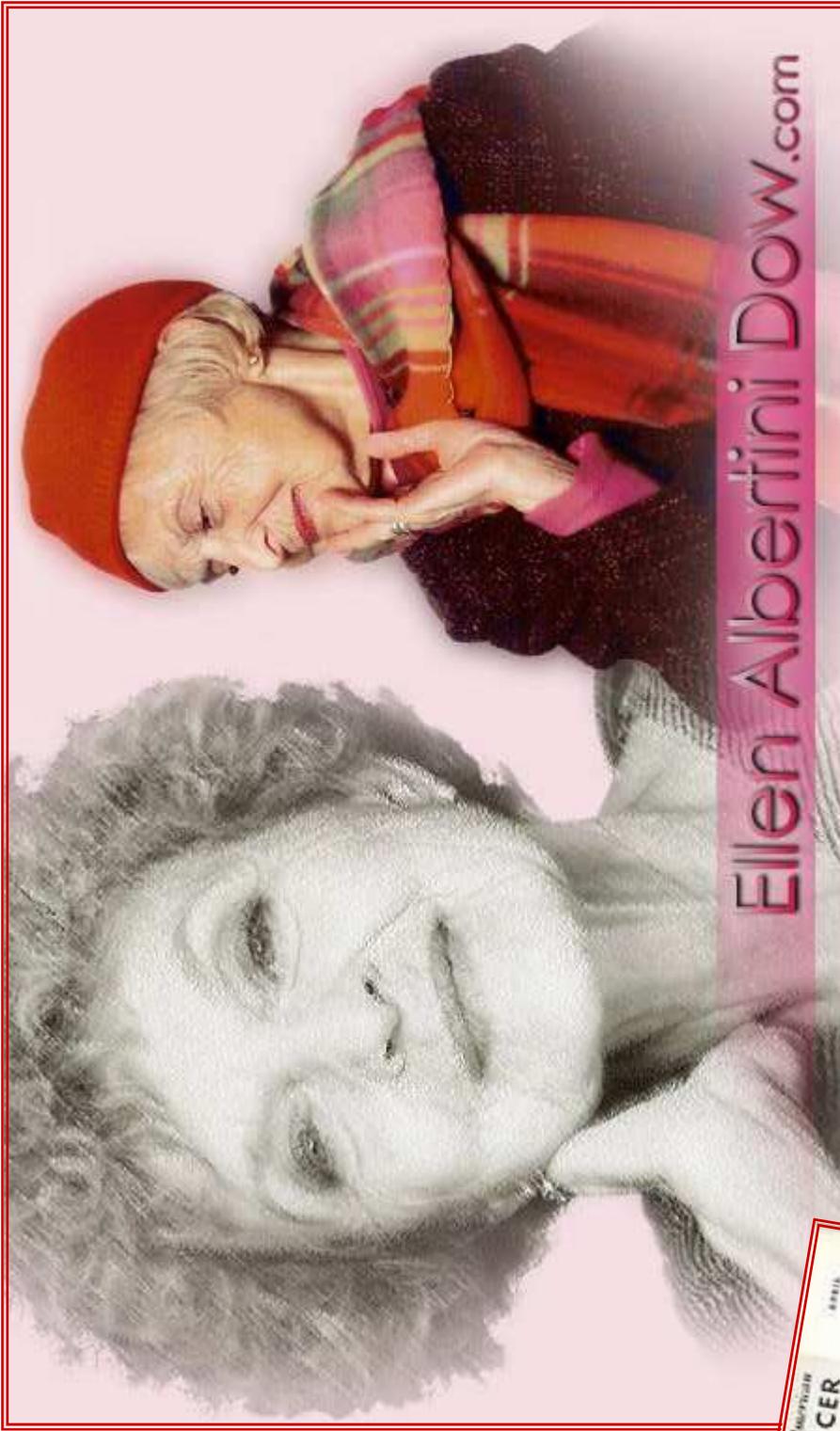
Always pleasant, never failing to give her sunniest smile to everyone—that is Ellen. In her, the class has one of its brightest and most popular members. Ellen intends to enter Cornell.



**MOUNT CARMEL  
1931**



**FACULTY MEMBER  
1935-36**



Ellen Albertini Dow.com



# Career Highlights

## Background:

- ◆ Born in Mount Carmel as 7th child of immigrant parents
- ◆ Began studying dance and piano at age 5
- ◆ After college, she taught at Mount Carmel High School in 1935-36

## Professional Experience:

- ◆ In New York, studied and worked with dance greats Hanya Holm and Martha Graham
- ◆ Studied acting with Michael Shurtleff and Uta Hagen
- ◆ Worked with mime masters Marcel Marceau and Jacques LeCoq in Paris
- ◆ Performed comedy in the "Borscht belt" and at Second Avenue Theatre in New York
- ◆ Performed in various summer stock companies
- ◆ Worked as director and choreographer for many productions, including "Beggars Opera" at Carnegie Recital Hall, and light operas such as "Magic Flute"
- ◆ Created and produced the Albertini Mime Players for 19 years
- ◆ Awards include a Rockefeller grant for Mime, Who's Who Women (West) and Los Angeles May Bradley proclamation

## Marriage Partnership:

- ◆ Ellen met her husband Eugene Dow when she was assistant directing and he was starring in a production of "O'Casey's Silver Tassel" at the Carnegie Little Theatre in New York
- ◆ They married in June 1951, performed in summer stock together and then moved to Los Angeles
- ◆ She became a teacher in the drama department at Los Angeles City College, where she also directed and choreographed many musicals and
- ◆ After she was transferred to Pierce College, Woodland Hills, Calif., she and her husband founded the Theater Arts Department
- ◆ In recognition of their invaluable efforts at Pierce College, the

Eugene Francis and Ellen Albertini Dow  
Arena Theatre was dedicated



## New Career:

- ◆ After retiring from teaching in 1985, she began a new career as a character actor in countless films and television programs
- ◆ Best remembered as the "rapping granny" in Adam Sandler's comedy "The Wedding Singer"
- ◆ Appeared in "Sister Act I and II," "Road Trip," "Patch Adams" and "Studio 54" as "Disco Dottie."
- ◆ On TV, she has appeared recently in "Vegas," "My Name Is Earl," "Family Guy," "Six Feet Under," "Scrubs," "American Dad," "Will and Grace" and as a regular on "Maybe It's Me."
- ◆ Ellen has just recorded an album of both classic songs and original material by her late husband Eugene Dow



**“Maybe It’s Me”**



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**“The Wedding Singer”**



**“Sister Act”**

**“Wedding Crashers”**

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