

# Obituaries

## Giulietta Masina, Italian film star and widow of Fellini, is dead at 73

Associated Press

Rome — Giulietta Masina, who played the haunting waif in *La Strada* and other leading roles in films directed by husband Federico Fellini, died Wednesday. She was 73.

Masina was being treated for a lung cancer at the Columbus Clinic, where she had been admitted shortly after the Oct. 31 death of her husband.

"She lived her part with incredible — and so unusual today — modesty," Sophia Loren told news agencies. "And when Federico went away, Giulietta, faithful to her role, found no more reason to continue living."

The wide-eyed actress appeared in some of Fellini's best-known films,



**Masina**

**LARRY J. ALBERS**, 43, Indianapolis, died Tuesday. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday in G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, with calling from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. He was a lead operator three years for Evans Milling Co. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors: wife, Nancy A. Pickerel Albers; daughter, Morgan Albers; mother, Katherine Saba Smith; father, Kenneth Albers; brothers, Kenneth and John Michael Albers; sister, Katherine Hook; half brother, Richard Smith.

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including *Juliet of the Spirits* (1965) and *The Nights of Cabiria* (1956), for which she won the best actress award at the Cannes film festival.

Her best-known role was as Gelsomina, the ingenuous orphan who became the exploited companion of circus strongman Anthony Quinn in *La Strada* (1954), which won the Oscar as best foreign film.

She returned to the spotlight in 1985 to star with Marcello Mastroianni in Fellini's *Ginger and Fred*.

Masina began acting with a university drama group. She got her first break in 1942, starring on an Italian radio show in a play written by Fellini, who was a fellow student.

They were married the next year and remained inseparable until Fellini's death following a stroke.

She made her film debut in a bit part in Roberto Rossellini's *Paisa* in 1946. Two years later, Masina won the Italian critics award as best supporting actress for her role in Alberto Lattuada's *Without Pity*.

**LATONIA E. HOWARD EDWARDS**, 80, Indianapolis, died Tuesday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mount Helm Missionary Baptist Church. Calling will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in Stuart Mortuary. She had been a core cleaner 27 years for Chrysler Corp., retiring in 1976. She was a member of Jones Tabernacle AME Zion Church. Survivors: husband, Robert L. Edwards; daughters, Mildred Hackett, Joyce Edwards Moore and Janice Edwards Gardner; brother, Charles Paxton Howard; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.