

# Remembered with funny stories

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actor Jack Cassidy, killed in a weekend fire at his home, has been remembered with funny stories and warm anecdotes.

People at his funeral Wednesday laughed and applauded and, said actor Dennis Weaver, "It was very unusual because it was very uplifting."

"People got up and spoke in very intimate terms about their experience with Jack. It was on a level where everybody kind of laughed," Weaver said.

CASSIDY, 49, died Sunday in a fire that gutted his penthouse apartment.

Among those who spoke at the nonsectarian funeral was comedian Milton Berle, who remembered Cassidy as an 18-year-old singer when they performed together in the stage production of "Spring in Brazil."

Berle said Cassidy told him once in Boston that the show "should have opened in Brazil and closed in Boston."

Singer-dancer Nanette Fabray, who organized the service, remembered Cassidy as a man always modishly dressed, even when he went fishing — in Gucci shoes and belt that matched his fishing pole.

SAID WEAVER: "He had one of the greatest wits of anyone in Hollywood. He was full of love and giving."

Also attending were Jack Carter, Eileen Brennan, George Kennedy, Ruth Gordon, Werner Klemperer, Richard Benjamin and others.

Actress Shirley Jones, from whom Cassidy was divorced last year, was pre-

sent with their three children.

Cassidy's son by a previous marriage, teen-age singing idol David Cassidy, also attended with his mother, actress-singer Evelyn Ward.

CASSIDY WAS best known for his television roles, including the series "He and She," and his recent role as John Barrymore in the film "W.C. Fields and Me."

He was cremated and his ashes were to be strewn over the Pacific Ocean.

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