

Numerous news outlets including the website TMZ.com and NBC affiliate WITN in Greenville, North Carolina, report actor Andy Griffith died this morning. Griffith portrayed Sheriff Andy Taylor for eight years on CBS' "The Andy Griffith Show." The show was set in the fictional town of Mayberry, North Carolina and was renowned for its folksy wit and gentle

humor.

From 1986 through 1995, Griffith starred in the mystery series "Matlock." Griffith played the title character, a southern defense lawyer who often successfully defended his clients, accused of murder, by ferreting out the real killer. Griffith reportedly died at his home in Dare County, North Carolina, around 6:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. He was 86 years old.

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