

BRAVE ROSE MARIE IN HEALTH CRISIS!



Rose Marie as wisecracker Sally Rogers on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* in the '60s

ROSE MARIE is facing her last days after the bighearted 87-year-old TV legend fell and broke her right hip in the middle of the night, friends fear.

In the wee hours of Oct. 8, the *Dick Van Dyke Show* and Hollywood Squares funnygal went to fetch "a piece of cheese from the refrigerator" of the four-bedroom, 3,500-square-foot Van Nuys, Calif., home she shares with her beloved dogs and a female aide – and fell badly.

"It was dark and she didn't bother to put a light on," her rep, Harland Boll, tells GLOBE. "She tripped and took a tumble."

Rose Marie's helper quickly rushed to her side, but "was unable to lift her off the bedroom floor," adds Boll. "Her aide was afraid Rose Marie had broken her hip and wanted to call for help right away. But Rose Marie refused to let her because it was the middle of the night and she didn't want to bother



Before breaking her hip in October, tough Rose Marie was sporting a black eye and facial bruises as she went out in a wheelchair

anyone at that hour!"

Instead, notes Boll, TV's Sally Rogers "lay there on the floor in a lot of pain until she felt it was an appropriate time."

Feisty Rose Marie finally allowed a call to Georgiana, her daughter from her 18-year marriage to late trumpeter Bobby Guy. Only then did the aide call for an ambulance.

Paramedics arrived around 8:15 a.m. and rushed her to a nearby hospital with a fractured hip. Surgeons patched it back together with a plate and screws.

Reason to worry

But friends fear overweight Rose Marie, who uses a wheelchair or walker to get around, is facing her last days. And experts say they have reason to worry.

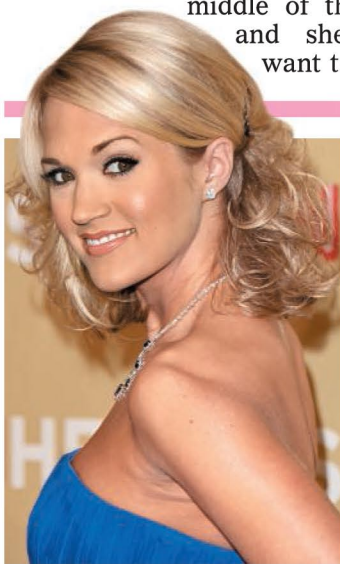
It takes longer for the elderly to heal, top L.A. orthopedic surgeon Dr. Bal "Raj" Rajagopalan tells GLOBE, and "in the meantime, she risks potentially life-threatening dangers from immobility such as blood clots, pneumonia and bed sores.

"Unfortunately, hip surgery in elderly patients too often marks a decline in overall health and an increased risk of dying."

But Rose Marie's rep says she's vowing to bounce back fast.

"She can't wait to get back on her feet and insists she will be up soon," says Boll. "There's very little that stops her. She's such a trouper."

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NEWLYWED CARRIE'S BABY DEAL

CARRIE UNDERWOOD can't wait to start a family with her new hockey hunk hubby – and she's already got a baby deal all lined up!

"I made a pregnancy pact with a few of my female friends," reveals the 27-year-old *American Idol* winner, who tied the knot with Ottawa Senators star Mike Fisher July 10.

"We're all going to try to have children around the same time.

"That way, we can babysit each other's kids and

they can grow up to be friends."

Underwood has been in bliss since walking down the aisle, saying her life used to be like a jigsaw puzzle with one piece missing. "He completes me," she says. "He makes me a better person."

But she says children would be the icing on the cake.

"Two kids is good, three is fine," Underwood says. "Four? Somebody's getting something done, because we ain't having five!"