

**530 S. Bay Front**  
**The Ebsen House**  
**Tracy & Larry Wood**

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The late actor, Buddy Ebsen, lived in this iconic home for more than 20 years. Ebsen, who had been a Balboa Bay Club member, was an avid sailor and lived on Balboa Island for more than 20 years. He died in 2003, at age 95.

The onetime Balboa Island home of Buddy Ebsen, best known for his role as Jed Clampett in the 1960s TV comedy "The Beverly Hillbillies," was sold last year by Ebsen's adult children. In its day it was a grandiose place. Many people have fond memories of those early days when Ebsen and his family lived in the house. Ebsen would answer the door on Halloween night and deliver candy to children and kids would jump off the home's second deck and land in the pool! (The pool has long since been filled in and a patio yard created.)

Built in 1965, the waterfront house is 4,482 square feet and has six bedrooms and four bathrooms. The home is set at the point of Balboa Island's South Bayfront, with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, Newport Harbor and channel, the Balboa Pavilion and city lights. Interesting features are the "dumb waiter" going from the kitchen to the master bedroom. The architecture is unusual, to say the least!

The realtor who listed the home said that as many as 200 people would come to a Sunday open house. Everybody wanted to come in and tell a story about what they knew about Buddy Ebsen.

The new owners plan to rebuild.

**Quotes from Ebsen's three daughters about the house:**

A man once told his five children, "Kids, learn to enjoy today, enjoy the Now. Because five, ten, twenty years from now it won't be here." That wooden house stood for more than 50 years and fulfilled its purpose. Now the property is moving forward with a new owner and purpose. (Just hope our mom's ghost doesn't keep them awake at night, not to mention the ghosts of a half dozen shih tzus and Yorkshire terriers.)" -Bonnie Ebsen Jackson

"Just an FYI, the house couldn't be remodeled per the new City code. Also it is time as it's over 50 years old. I'm sure the new owners will do the right job." -Cathy Ebsen

"It was inevitable, the house had to go. But our father's memory lives on – life is now." -Kiki Ebsen