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An actress and dancer best known for her portrayal of Ann Romano—TV's first "Ms."—on Norman Lear's sitcom *One Day at a Time*, Bonnie Franklin was born January 6, 1944, in Santa Monica, California. She started tap dancing when she was nine years old, appearing with Donald O'Connor on the *Colgate Comedy Hour*, and began teaching at the age of twelve. Franklin appeared in the original *Munsters* and *Man from U.N.C.L.E.* but became a household name from 1975 to 1984 on Lear's sitcom. Franklin dabbled in directing (*New Munsters*), TV movies (*Portrait of a Rebel: The Remarkable Mrs. Sanger*), and exercise videos (*I Hate to Exercise—I Love to Tap*). In the 1990s she could be found doing regional theater.

Further Reading:

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