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Robert Young is best remembered for his two successful television shows, *Father Knows Best* (1954-60) and *Marcus Welby, M.D.* (1969-75), which together earned him three Emmy awards. He began his career in motion pictures of the 1930s and 1940s, invariably playing the amiable, dependable guy who loses the girl. Young made his film debut opposite Helen Hayes in *The Sin of Madelon Claudet* (1931) and appeared in classics such as *Secret Agent* (1936) and *The Enchanted Cottage* (1944) before turning to television. He was married to wife Betty from 1933 until her death in 1994 and together they had four daughters. Young left an indelible impression on American culture of the early television era as everyone's favorite father figure.

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