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CHRIS HOWLAND - the gifted entertainer - has passed away at the age of 85. He died peacefully in the arms of his wife and family.

Cologne/Roesrath, 2nd December 2013 - CHRIS HOWLAND, the legend of the 50s and 60s, actor, singer, author, TV and radio presenter, died on Friday evening, surrounded by his closest family. He was 85.

John Christopher Howland was born in London on the 30th July 1928, the son of a well-known BBC radio broadcaster and his wife, a photographer. He started his career in radio with the British Forces Network (BFN) in Hamburg, and then joined the German radio broadcasting service NWDR, continuing on with WDR in Cologne.

Whilst he entertained his listeners with wit and charm, Chris Howland created for himself his broadcasting nickname, Mr. Pumpnickel, and became one of the most popular and beloved radio and TV presenters in showbusiness.

He was immediately recognisable through shows such as Candid Camera and Music from Studio B. He also had success as an actor in Karl May films such as Winnetou, and appeared in Edgar Wallace productions. His biggest successes as a singer were with "Das hab Ich in Paris gelernt" and "Fräulein". Not content with this, the multi-talented Chris showed his strengths as an author and raconteur in his books "Happy Days" and "Yes Sir", where he entertained his readers with many diverse and funny stories.

He was a busy radio presenter with WDR-4 up until he died. The funeral is limited to the immediate family.

Further information about Chris Howland:
[Http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Howland](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Howland)

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