

Trent Lehman

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Born: US; c1961

Died: Arleta, California; January 19th 1982. Hanged himself, age 20



Trent is seated right, with David Doremus, Kim Richards, Richard Lang, and Juliet Mills. Smiles for the publicity shots are phoney and look it, but the problems which later made his life unbearable may not have been directly connected with this show's early demise. TV kids have domestic lives too.

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“...Trent Lehman was the second to third-banana kid on a minor TV sitcom ("**Nanny and the Professor**") that ran all of a season and a half on ABC from 1970 to 1971. You've got to have a long memory to know anything about "**Nanny and the Professor**", a cut-rate "**Bewitched**" with Juliet Mills' magical house-keeper in place of Elizabeth Montgomery's magical housewife. *TV Guide* once called the show "a half hour bit of fluff," and, indeed, it flitted away like one – its short-lived network run followed by a relatively short-lived syndication run. Nothing much about "**Nanny and the Professor**" seemed to leave a dent – it wasn't memorably terrible, it wasn't memorably great.

When it was over, Mills continued her TV/film career; Kim Richards, who played the youngest of Nanny Phoebe's three charges, became a Disney film star ("**ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN**"); "**The Big Valley**" alum Richard Long, who played nanny's employer Professor Howard Everett, died of a heart attack in 1974; David Doremus, who co-starred as Howard's eldest son, Hal, scored a recurring role on "**The Waltons**" from 1972 to 1977; and Trent Lehman, as the middle boy, Butch, never did prime time again.

Up until "**Nanny**", the blond-haired Trent was a working cute, kid actor. Following his sister in the business, he booked his first commercial at age six and went on to guest starring roles on "**Gunsmoke**" and the like. In other words, it was a typical existence for a working, cute

kid actor. His home life appeared equally typical: during the "**Nanny**" run, he was a fourth-grader at Vena Avenue Elementary School in Arleta, California; his stepdad was a plant foreman at a local aircraft company; his mom was a mom; his sister was a sister. Said "**Nanny**" producer Charles FitzSimmons of Trent, "He was 100 percent real boy". After the series ended, the "real boy" found acting gigs hard to come by. "He was getting older and bigger," Tent's one-time agent Don Schwartz said. "Sometimes the older kids have trouble finding work. The little kids are cuter."

In 1977, the Lehman family left California for Colorado – the line was Trent's mom "wanted peace" for her kids. In the summer of 1981, Trent moved back to Planet Hollywood (or North Hollywood, as was the case) on his own. His friends said he came looking for a girl. In early 1982, the love affair ended and his apartment got robbed. On January 19, he went to a buddy's house and asked to borrow a gun. Trent told the friend he wanted to kill himself. The friend did not give Trent a gun. Instead, he offered to put him up for the night. Trent accepted. Later that night, Trent visited his old Vena Avenue stomping grounds, roped a leather belt around his neck, and hanged himself from a chain-link fence. Quoth the newspaper: "Former Child Star, 20, Depressed, Hangs Himself." "

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
69-71		Nanny and the Professor with David Doremus, Kim Richards	US TV sitcom, as Butch Everett