Of Blessed Memory -- dedicated to my parents on what would have been their 63rd anniversary

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ACROSS
1. NFL six-pointers
4. One in debt to 39-Across
7. Observes Yom Kippur
13. ___ la Douce (Shirley MacLaine role)
15. Actress Hagen, much beloved by crossword aficionados
16. Whitehouse workplace (see also 36-Across)
17. Professional description of 39-Across
20. Kind of gang, letter, or reaction
21. Start of Massachusetts’ motto
22. Green govt. grp. since middle of Nixon admin.
23. Horror confronted by 39-Across
26. Show shower
28. Lacking
29. Irish character actor Milo
31. Mail abbr.
34. Star Wars inits.
36. Bob who represents Tennessee in 16-Across
39. Hero of this puzzle, born August 4, 1912
43. “That’s quite clear”
44. Thanksgiving guests, often
45. Modern airline descended from one owned by the family of 39-Across
46. Basketball Hall of Fame Lakers announcer Chick
48. Wrestling wins
51. Savage
53. Final destination for many a 4-Across who was not rescued through the heroism of 39-Across
58. Happily, ever, or after: abbr.
59. Rapunzel’s big letdown
61. Rival of U.S. Grant
62. 1945 event during which 39-Across was taken into custody, thus effectively ending his heroic efforts
66. Monica Lewinsky in the Clinton White House, e.g.
68. “Bye!”
69. Taoism founder
70. Catch red-handed
71. Genetically encoded amino acid residue that contains sulfur: Abbr.

DOWN
1. Paley’s successor at CBS
2. BBC sci-fi classic
3. Feminist leader Eleanor
4. Gravy, on menus
5. Swiss research inst. with over 20 associated Nobel laureates
6. Plays in shallow water
7. Snakes on a plain?
8. Annual Labor Day weekend event since 1966 (last hosted by Jerry Lewis in 2010), e.g.
9. Lennon’s lady
10. Juniors, to seniors
11. Tour de France stage, in France
12. Select the temperature on, as a thermostat
14. “Bye!”
18. Ancient Andean
19. Digging, so to speak
20. Woody Allen: “Love is the ___, but while you are waiting for the ___, sex raises some pretty good questions”
25. Stamp of approval?
27. Sink or swim, e.g.
30. Picturesque
31. $200 Monopoly properties, briefly
32. ___ Schwarz (legendary NYC toy store)
33. Common reply to a parent’s demand
35. Type or kind
37. Historic time piece?
38. NFL linemen
40. Exploits
41. Doeskin, cowhide, etc.
42. They may be read or sealed
43. Pesto base
47. Babe in the woods
49. Drag racing org.
50. Won every game in the series
51. Pesto base
52. Site of first enclosed shopping mall (Twin Cities suburb)
54. Word before blight or sprawl
55. Of the lower small intestine
56. Irascible
57. Zees, to Zeno
60. Rook’s starting place
63. Bill of divorce, to a 4-Across
64. Chant heard when Bin Laden’s death was announced
65. Apply gently ... or the initials of the author’s beloved daughter

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