Subject: The Loved One
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Has anyone ever seen the movie, The Loved One? A study in Black humor, satire, a lurid reflection on society and culture. From 1965. Shot in black & white and starring Robert Morse, Rod Steiger, Jonathan Winters, with Liberace, Sir John Gielgud and a host of others. They seemed to make some very good movies in that vein back then. Dr. Strangelove being the most famous maybe. But this little movie that skewered the funeral business is a great character study for the actors within it, particularly Rod Steiger. His character, Mr. Joyboy is as creepy as is ludicrous. Is he gay? A pervert, a psycho, weirdo. What the hell is he? Then there's his mother! She's obsessed with food and has the look to fit. Jonathan Winters plays two parts, one a funeral director and an equally sleazy twin brother involved in the business.
All the cast create a movie that shows the creativity that Hollywood could muster up back in the swinging 60's. A very interesting look at the curious and kooky American vignette.

Mr. Joyboy

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