

Wendy Copeland (UK)

I was asked to write a brief story of my trip to Las Vegas for David Cassidy's Star Event – you can imagine my answer was yes, yes and yes!!

David's star being laid and the event has been in the planning for several years and was achieved by the amazing team who pulled it all together along with his fans.

I booked my plane ticket 3 weeks before the event and from that time on the excitement began for me.....

Having worked previously in Los Angeles and was a frequent visitor to Las Vegas 32 years ago my impression when I got to Las Vegas April 2022 was WOW it had got bigger and better.



For me though some of the memorable parts of the event was meeting so many beautiful David Cassidy fans from all over the world and the love they felt for David was immeasurable. These people will be my forever friends.

We had a Fan Night, an amazing bus tour visiting some of the places David had performed and boy did we laugh!!! We danced and sung his songs and had the most amazing time with a grin on our faces from ear to ear

The ceremony day – everyone together (dressed up) having our picture taken by David's Star and singing Happy Birthday to him. It felt like David was present and I can just see him saying "wow did all my fans do this for me?"

Well yes David this is all for you our Darling David.

The afternoon of the ceremony was both magical and very moving. One of the highlights for me was meeting Johnny Ray Miller, Timm McCoy, Bruce Kimmel, The Cowsills, Frank Fabio and many others, all these people had a close connection to David each and every one of their speeches had a story or encounter to be told about David and you could feel the love they felt for David.

There was so much love in the room that day.

David brought so many people together, he wanted to spread love and bring light into people's lives, he touched countless lives in his lifetime – well he certainly did all that for me.

To sum this up this is an event I will cherish and remember for the rest of my life. I am thankful I was part of this for David and to all my David Cassidy friends I wish you all the very best. We had the best time ever.

With love Wendy Copeland

Sandie Leeming (UK)



As soon as I knew of this star ceremony I knew I wanted to be there. It wasn't just the opportunity to honour David but also the opportunity to meet those fans around the world I had been speaking to on Facebook and late night zoom calls for so many years.

I booked my ticket in January along with my friend Kathryn and it was a long winter counting down the days till I could go. I had been to Vegas in 1978 but realised it would have changed so much over the years.

The first day we were at Ballys hotel it was very hot and it was lovely to meet some of the fans I knew through Facebook around the pool that afternoon. There were so many hugs going around and lots of chat.

The next day we had the Fans night but during the day we walked around Vegas and found David's star at the foot of the Eiffel Tower not far from where we were staying. Vegas did not disappoint. You could be anywhere in the world from a fake Eiffel Tower to fake Venetian waterways and even a London Eye. It was totally over the top spectacular.

The festivities began in earnest that evening at Fan night. It was so lovely to get together with other David fans sharing stories singing along to all the songs and dancing. We all ended up doing the conga at the end of the night.

It was lovely to meet Johnny Ray Miller that evening and I bought a copy of his book which he signed for me.

I loved the next day which was a tour bus visiting all the places David hung out and the Chapel where he married Kay in 1977. We all were given a glossy picture of David on a stick and we were waving these around and singing along to the songs. One of my memories of that day was the bubbly Erin from Australia singing all the PaPapa's on The Partridge Family song "Let the Good Times In" and us all singing along to "Having A Ball"

The day of the ceremony on what would have been David's 72nd birthday was very special. We all gathered at the Star at 11am. It was a lovely warm day but not too hot. We were all sat around the Star singing Happy Birthday and I felt his presence. Its funny how all the fans I spoke to said the same thing it was there at that ceremony that we felt him. It was so uplifting.

After the ceremony at the Star we all went back to the hotel and the afternoon event of speeches was due to take place. So many people like Bruce Kimmel, Frank Fabio ,Timm McCoy, Johnny Ray Miller and The Cowsills gave beautiful speeches sharing their memories and love for David. Later the majority of fans had left the conference room there were just a few of us left talking to Bruce , Johnny and Johnny's friend Scottie. Scottie had a never released song by David from the 1970s called " I'll be your magician" on his phone and played it for us.



The evening meal that evening was really special too with so many of us gathering at the Italian restaurant. A lovely meal and David's birthday cake with a copy of the Star on top. I spent hours talking to my new friends who were by then friends for life.

David once said he had the best fans in the world and I am sure that he was right. Wherever he is now I am sure he felt all the love that came from all of his fans over those special days in Vegas.

I am so glad that I was able to be there and to meet so many lovely people and I will never forget those magical days and hopefully I will see some of those people I met again.

This whole event was organised so well and with love for David by all who were involved

I want to thank everyone who made this a great success and an amazing experience for me and I am sure everyone else. I had a great time

Sandie Leeming



Mary Anthony (USA)

Two milestone moments occurred in the spring of 2022 – March 3, marked 50 years since I saw David Cassidy in concert. Little is written about that 1972 concert in San Antonio and I feel it's because it occurred days before two

of David's most famous concerts at the Astrodome and Madison Square Garden. And on April 12, I was fortunate to be among the fans who came from across the U.S. and from around the globe to celebrate David receiving his Star on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars.

I decided early on I would attend, and even though the lingering pandemic was still a concern, I knew I just had to be there. In Jan, I began sewing tiny beads, hearts and stars, one-by-one, on two of the event T-shirts I purchased, as a way to personalize them and my way to honor David.

And as I counted down the months and weeks, it was exciting learning about event details on the David Cassidy's Official Las Vegas Walk of Stars 2022 Facebook page and as the date drew closer, anticipation and excitement continued to grow.

First order of business after arriving in Vegas? Go search for the Star, of course! Noteworthy is this inscription on the bottom of the Star, Sponsored by Fans Worldwide.

We began the series of events with the Fan Meet and Greet Night on Sunday, April 10. It was a magical evening filled with singing, dancing and talking about our love for David. While some already knew each other, many were meeting IRL for the first time but we already felt a connection, a strong bond. We also did our best contributing to the silent auction benefiting the I Think I Love Animal Foundation.



I loved every minute of Monday's optional bus tour. We traveled to Las Vegas stops significant to David's life and career including The Little Church of the West, his former residence and the Vegas hotels where he performed. The close-knit group of 45 shared stories about David, sang, laughed and answered trivia questions. (I won a red partridge!)

April 12 was a beautiful sunny day for the main event. We met at the Star for photos and sang Happy Birthday to David before gathering in Bally's Jubilee Ballroom to listen to moving speeches by David's closest friends, their stories bringing us to tears. The evening concluded with a lovely dinner complete with birthday cake. We all felt David's presence in many ways.

As many have mentioned, we continue to relive and process all that occurred while we were in Vegas.

When I returned to the office, one of my young co-workers asked me about the trip. He was fascinated learning about what we did for David and asked what was the most significant thing about the experience...it's obviously the connection we have with each other. David brought us together and we will continue his legacy by sharing his message of love, light and kindness. As one of my new DC friends best summed it up, "What happens in Vegas, stays in the heart."

Thank you Weronika for allowing me to share my recollections.

Sending all of you a big hug,

Mary

Laurie Eby (Canada)



When I first heard about the star event, I was so happy for David but I never thought I'd be able to attend.

I'd been sick off and on since 2009 and after my last surgery in 2021, proper mobility was only a dream. It was David's music that inspired me to keep fighting.

I continued with all types of therapies, several times a week. Then being from Canada and COVID, the cost if I were to get sick was too great. I then found insurance so my mind was made up! I also invited a fan to come with me as I figured everything was paid for anyway..what was one more flight. I'm also very glad that I managed to convince another fan to go who was hesitant about going alone.

We went to see the star the 1st day we arrived. Wow! There it was! David's name on a star in Vegas! It brought me to tears I was so happy! Thank you fans!



it's hard to put into words how surreal the experience was. To meet those people whose names you had only seen on FB and from so far away!

Fan night was so much fun singing and dancing to David's music with fans dressed in 70s garb and TPF, DC and Star Tshirts and Mondrian pattern clothing and pooka shells.

The star celebration was so moving...gathering around the star with a store owner playing David's music behind us.

The guest speakers gave very emotional speeches and it was difficult to fight back tears. Then dinner at Battista's where we sang happy birthday to David and shared a piece of a beautiful cake made for him. Saying goodbye to people that night was like saying goodbye to family! Leaving Vegas felt like I was leaving David. I had strongly felt his presence there

It was an unforgettable experience and I thank all those who worked tirelessly to put it together. I hope we all meet again for another celebration of David!

Barb Collentine (USA)



Las Vegas— Our Moment.

We came from all over the world.

We came from the Netherlands, Denmark, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South America, America. We came on planes, buses and cars; we took Ubers and shuttles. We brought suitcases, we brought make up bags. We brought cameras and iPhones and iPads. We brought it all and we had been waiting to come for two years.

We came to Vegas.

We came for David.

What else can I add about the Las Vegas Star event where we came from every corner of the globe for the man who throughout all our lives remained tucked into every corner of our hearts? How do I explain the feelings? We were speechless, we were tear-filled, we were silly, we were joyful. We were instant friends who'd never known each other but who for 51 years continued to tend the same emotion in each of our hearts: love for David Cassidy. Sure, our "teen idol," but 51 years later— our bond; our symbol of love and friendship.

We stood by the newly placed star on the sidewalk under that beautiful sunny blue skied April 12th and we held hands, we danced, we sang and we cried. We took pictures, we took video, we selfied, we group shot; some wore masks and some wore Mondrian. We were loud and we were proud.

And yet, if we really listened, there was a silence and a reverence surrounding us as people passed us that morning on that sidewalk in front of the Paris Hotel. They didn't laugh, they didn't point, they didn't question. They gave us our space, they watched where they walked and they left the teasing aside. They did this because they could "hear" that we had come from all over the world and they could "feel" that we were experiencing something they couldn't quite understand.

They did this because they recognized that this was a moment in time for us.

So when they stopped mid-step, they stopped to watch as we honored David and they could tell that we represented what no one else in the four short years since he left us had yet to understand:

David Cassidy had made a mark on the world.

And there on that sidewalk that day, we were an example of how an artist and his art can be forever.

Marijke Gerritsen (The Netherlands)

Summer 2021. In the midst of the global pandemic, my friend Linda asks me if I would like to travel with her to Las Vegas in 2022. To reveal a star like in Hollywood there on the strip of David Cassidy.

She explains it all in an email and refers me to the site LVWOS and says join and see what you think of this idea.. It's really out of the blue. My retrospective farewell to David was in 2004, unconsciously, when his last handshake in the Wolf den Connecticut is etched in my memory. I was with the gang at the time, so I called the group of girls worldwide with whom I often arranged to travel to David and stay.

I discuss the proposal with my husband and he says 'do it' with a big smile!! and at the same time 'I see that you have already decided'... This is your goodbye to David!!

Plans are made, but brief. First we order tickets for the Donny O performance, these will be for sale on Ticketmaster in October 2021. He plays in Harrahs {we can still sell them}..anything with a big ?

The world is locked USA is on red.. The Netherlands too ..

Until suddenly February 16, 2022 BREAKINGNEWS, the travel advice for the USA is GREEN from that moment on, arrange, flight tickets pcr test before flying, health statement extra booster pfff. .it works.

And then suddenly.. Is it April 8th. The test brrr fingers crossed that I, but also Lin are negative, the numbers are rising again in the Netherlands. Until 9 p.m. Friday evening in the stress. Finally you are negative Linda too, we are allowed!!! Yesssss

April 9th with a smile from ear to ear and as two teenagers of 13, we leave Amsterdam over 10 hours flying time, a long one full of expectations.

Arriving in Vegas we first look for Hotel Bally's, it is busy on the Strip and distracted by two scantily clad ladies who scatter flyers, we arrive at a star, [not David's] we were walked over by those girls smoothly then follow a circle of stars .. and there again for the girls haha yes David's star, we chuckle because there is a flyer on David's star of a naked lady .. but take it off quickly.

Now that we know where to go, we check the halls, the LV room that we have to report to the other day, and have something to eat and go to bed early, we are broken, we have been there for more than 24 hours.

April 10th Fan Day !!

A wonderful day with many famous spots, here in LV after being back for three years when as a closing of our {my husband and my} musical trip traveling through the USA we ended in The White Chapel , there we have our wedding vows in a crazy mood traveled again and then had a wonderful closing together in the Bellagio.. So nice to be here again and nice memories, ehh now without my hubby .

Fan Meet & Greet Auction & Benefit night

At around 5:30 PM we walk to Bally's where a line begins to form. Nice 70 outfits, one even crazier than the other so inventive, bags, dresses nothing is too crazy. Famous internet faces who's who and also nice the Cowsills come around.



I have the cover signed by Johnny Ray Miller (the book is at home) the tripping over my name hahaha it's not that difficult after all.

There are beautiful pictures of Henry Diltz I can't resist the temptation to buy there.

It's super fun with the girls and the music is hilarious and a lot of PF songs I haven't heard in ages.even a polonaise... At that moment I have my husband on the phone for him, it's early morning, I show it and he says oh dear do they already do that in the USA hilarious, so much fun. The evening is over too quickly, when leaving the room an emotional 1 on 1 conversation with Johnny.

April 11 we have to report at 11 o'clock at the front of Bally for the bus tour. When boarding a shock I almost fell out of the bus, suddenly David's head was full size in

front of me. After I have come to my positive from the shock, we get a David head on a



stick. I see a Ball with a description on it havin a ball

it will definitely be.. We sing in the bus or we are on a school trip hilarious.. the tour has already been described I will not go into that by saying that it was top organized and I haven't laughed like this in years thanks girls xxx

During the tour we get a weather alarm, a sand storm. Later on it is dangerous at certain points to walk on the strip you will be blown off your socks [to this day there is still sand in my shoes]...the resof the day we take our private tour and make plans for the 12th Davids Day!!

12 April

A bright blue sky

We make sure we are armed with a white guest towel and a bottle of water at the Bally's early why?..the star of David looks dirty and dusty. Linda gets on her knees in her smart outfit to polish the star. We succeed and now it is important to guard it that no one walks over it, we are followed by two guards who see the humor in it two teenage girls, also the man opposite Bally's in the ARC bar, for that we quickly eat a breakfast and keep an eye on everything, more fans are coming now we can relieve each



other guarding the star.



11 am everyone is present group photos and individual photos. We put the red rose on the star, which looks very serene, even when the leaves fall off so symbolic. It's a goodbye our goodbye this feels so double David didn't have a funeral, I think we all feel this.

The guard next to the ARC bar who was also a fan back then and so was the man from the ARC bar also contribute by looking for David's music on their phone and streaming ITILY over the boulevard.

Mission completed.

We go inside the Jubilee Ballroom where the ceremony is with all the familiar people. It's great to see Frank Fabio a warm embrace after all these years with his wife. the hall fills up..Johnny Ray Miller, Timm Mc Coy, The Cowsills

Scottie in his signature Bell records t-shirt,

In a nutshell there is too much to tell I take out Tim McCoy's wonderful loving speech that is so touching, many have moist eyes, including Johnny Ray's ,speech this is so lovingly and beautifully worded and especially the words - that we are the ones to guard and preserve the legacy of David!!!

Bruce Kimmel speaking with the necessary humor, Frank Fabio, Mat and Kelli Gurman , Michael Pomarico , Gary Stockdale Susan, Bob & Paul Cowsill it is very special to be here there is so much love for David you can almost feel his presence.

It's over too soon and we have to leave the room. Saying goodbye to Bruce we come into conversation, we linger and receive beautiful stories from Johnny and Scottie as a present Thank you guys !!

Together we walk out of the room on our way to the restaurant. Where we all enjoy a glass of wine at long tables, eat a delicious pasta, and enjoy each others company. As icing on the cake and end of this beautiful day and days, the BIRTHDAYCAKE wow beautifully made, THANK YOU organization!! A nice end to a trip that we could not dream of in advance so special .. we still have a little while in the normal LV world to recover, and then we fly back with a full head and are on cloud 9 for the time being with a huge jet lag.

Timm McCoy (USA)

My Literal Whirlwind Trip For David.

On July 7, 2021 I received a letter in the mail from The Las Vegas Walk Of Fame inviting me to Las Vegas to celebrate David Cassidy's Star ceremony. I was taken by surprise thinking, "Who would remember I was ever friends with David?" Apparently, a lot of people. So, for a whole year I planned the trip 1 year out. Why? I do suffer from COPD and PTSD, you know, all the fashionable abbreviations.

Since COVID I have been secluded for 3 years. No contact with anyone. Mentally that's a lot safer with PTSD. So, after 10,000 changes in what I had to say, I finally had my story on David. Nothing too personal yet not so much about me, but I find it difficult not

to talk about David without talking about me. Maybe a little A.D.D. too? So, my first venture into the real world since I was invited by Josh Robert Thompson who did Geoff The Gay Robot on The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson in 2014 for a 5 day stay in Los Angeles. Again, I regress.

So, I pack my bags last night pre-flight. Zero hour 9 AM, (Sorry Elton). Got a limo to the Minneapolis Airport escorted by NSA to my plane. Going to Vegas was easy, setting on a aisle seat, no one beside me. PTSD Heaven! Got into Vegas on April 11th, we flew right into a Sirocco. A dust storm that made everything look orange. So, yes, I did wear a mask. I wasn't taken any chances with COVID so I was 4 times vaxxed. Two shots, two boosters just 4 days before my flight. Got a limo to Bally's where I checked in without talking to anyone. Sweet!

Trust me, I love people, but not being around them for 3 years then thrusting into a gang of "Well Meaning Cassidians" was the next test. I had no idea what was ahead.

Morning. April 12th. Hardly slept. Time lag. No coffee. I had to explore. It was hard to walk because of the bi-femoral replacements in my legs. It was hard, but I was here for David and that was the focus.

I started meeting people little by little. All the fans were the friendliest, kind and considerate people I have ever met. I have never signed so many autographs in my life. But everyone I signed was for the love I felt for David. They all took care of me and I never felt so safe in 3 years. I was scared to death to speak. Me. a radio guy afraid to talk.

Yes, it's easy on the radio for 47 years but in front of a few hundred people? I did tell the story about David's black leather jacket, but what I didn't announce openly was that the white jacket I wore was once David's.

In 1991 when I took David's leather one off when he asked me, "Are you cold, I got a jacket you can wear." and he handed me the exact one he wore in "Man Undercover". At the end of the night he said, "Just keep it." That's the way he was. The kindest man I have ever met.

So, I did my speech and wanted to hear everyone else's, but we got started late and I was 2 hours from my plane leaving. So, after The Cowsills I announced that I had to catch a plane and ran out to catch a Lyft back to the airport.

I was running out of time and almost missed my plane if it wasn't for me giving the driver 20 bucks more and saying like in the movies "Here's a 20 if you can get me there without killing us. He made it.

I was late when I hear across the airport speakers, "Timm McCoy your flight is about to leave!" So, running, and not well at it, through the airport, I got to the wrong gate. "Timm we are waiting only 10 mins." So, running, again with COPD, I ran to the gate where a group of Sun Country attendants were screaming "Timm, Over here!" I barely made it with no time to spare. And, as any nerd does, "hitting the puffer and sweating my ass off". Coming back, we flew into a thunderstorm before Minneapolis and we were detoured to Duluth, 200 miles away. Sat for an hour then flew into Minneapolis while it was pouring rain. A 3 hour plane ride that lasted 8 hours.

If I had to do it all over again, I would in an instant. It was the most fun I had in 30 years!

Thank you to all who became my new "Cassidian Family"!

Timm McCoy