

# David Cassidy: “I won’t have my real mother



■ There's a forgotten woman in young David Cassidy's life. Forgotten not by David—for this beautiful, dark-haired woman has an irreplaceable spot in his heart—but by the people who know him and love him through his role on ABC-TV's *The Partridge Family*.

The woman is David's real mother, Evelyn Ward Cassidy, whom he feels has been pushed aside for Shirley Jones, his mother on the show and his stepmother in real life.

At first David accepted all the stories linking him with Shirley, but when I saw him recently in his Hollywood Hills home, he suddenly turned to me, anger in his voice, and blurted out, “My own mother has gone unmentioned in the publicity about our show and about me and people are beginning to think that Shirley is really my mother. Well, she's not, and I don't” (Continued on page 92)

*David wants everybody in the world to know that his real mom, Evelyn Ward, is a one-in-a-million woman who sacrificed a great deal to make him the successful young man he is today. It's also to her credit that his relationship with his dad, Jack Cassidy, and stepmom, Shirley Jones, is as good as it is. Naturally, his brothers from his dad's marriage to Shirley—Shaun, 11, Patrick, 8, and Ryan, 4—think David's the greatest thing going!*

