

MY SON-DAVID

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16 is proud and pleased to introduce you to a lovely woman and fine actress, Evelyn Ward, who also happens to be the mother of America's fastest rising singer-actor-teen-dream — David Cassidy! When Evelyn (Ward is her maiden name and she has used it in her professional and private life since she and Jack Cassidy — David's dad — were divorced some 15 years ago) first held her baby David in her arms on April 12, 1950, little did she dream that he would one day — with his singing and acting — capture the hearts of the teenagers of America. Of course, she is delighted with this turn of events. But the real story of David Cassidy began a little over 20 years ago, and nobody in the whole world — including David himself — knows it better and can tell it better than David's mom.



The very first picture ever taken of David. He was one month old and his mom Evelyn held him in her arms.



Here's David — "Smilin' Sam" — in the backyard of his home in West Orange, N.J., when he was three months old.