

THE 8 SIDES OF DAVID

**DAVID
CASSIDY:**
The Son

For David, being a son has been a difficult part of his life. Though his parents have loved him and raised him to be an understanding and successful person, it has taken David years of striving to adjust to the fact that his parents divorced when he was five.

Even though he was only a small boy when his father left, David felt that it was his responsibility to take his place as man of the house. For this reason he tried very hard to be brave about the divorce because he knew that now his mother needed all the happiness and strength he could give her.

David and his mother Evelyn Ward became very close during this period of time. It wasn't possible for David to see his father Jack Cassidy that often anymore because Jack had to do a great deal of traveling. Jack was an actor and this life required him to be on the road in many different plays. Of course, Jack came to see David at every opportunity but it just wasn't the same as having a father around the house at all times.

Eventually David's mother married a second time and David had a new stepfather. David was at first a bit hesitant about this, but soon he began to accept the new marriage because he knew down deep that it would make his mother much happier. Unfortunately, this marriage also ended in divorce and David was saddened.

Jack Cassidy's marriage to Shirley Jones was perhaps the best thing that ever happened to David because he grew very fond of Shirley. Then,

too, for the first time in his life, David was able to have brothers. His three brothers became an important part of David's life and he began to know what it was really like to be part of a family.

Now, Shirley Jones has announced that she and Jack Cassidy are separating. This leaves David in much the same situation he has faced before. True, he's now out on his own with an exciting life to lead, but knowing that he had a happy family at home had been a satisfaction to him.

David has been a good son and he knows that all of his parents have always tried to make him as happy as they could. But one thing is uppermost in David's mind at all times. When he finally chooses to marry and have a son of his own, he wants it to be different for that son. He wants a close-knit family that will stay together, grow together, and love together.



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It's often overlooked, but David's acting ability and his sincere desire to be a good actor, are the two things that led David to show business. Without those two desires, David probably would never have become a member of the singing Partridge Family.

Acting is what launched David on the road to success and acting is a part of his career that David wants to put more time into.

David's desire to act was present at an early age. In fact, he was barely three-years-old when it first showed. It happened one day when David's mother was going out to film a commercial. She told him about the commercial and also that there was a part in it for a little boy—a boy just about David's age! Well, that's all it took. David knew instantly that he wanted the part. But, he didn't get it because the part had already been given to someone else. However, the experience taught young David two very important things:

(1) He desperately wanted to be an actor and

(2) In order to be a good actor, you've got to work for it.

Some years later, while still in his early teens, David had the opportunity to work on-stage in a New England summer stock show. David, however, wasn't exactly an actor—"They let me move sets and hammer nails." But, the experience convinced him that much more that he really wanted to act.

So, David continued working. His acting opportunity didn't actually come until he had graduated from