

# WHY DAVID CASSIDY IS EMBARRASSED BY HIS FATHER!



*Jack Cassidy is David's real father, yet he is closer to his stepmother Shirley Jones. Last year Jack and Shirley separated after 15 years of marriage and almost went through with a divorce. David felt caught in the middle and confused.*

David Cassidy is an international superstar, yet out of the spotlight he is struggling with a problem that few people will ever have. When he was just a child, his father, Jack Cassidy, left his mother and they never really knew each other until Jack married Shirley Jones fifteen years ago. Shirley brought the two together but they have never been close. In fact, David feels closer to Shirley. While Jack struggled for recognition for a lifetime, David and Shirley's success came overnight. Shirley has an Oscar on the mantelpiece, and David's success is phenomenal. Jack resents being referred to as "David Cassidy's father" and "Shirley Jones' husband" and expects his wife and son to cater to his frustrated ego. It puts a difficult strain on them and at times is a downright *pain!* Last year Jack took to venting his frustration by embarrassing Shirley and David whenever he could—accepting invitations to public events and then not showing up, and running around with women young enough to be his daughters. Shirley and Jack have three adorable sons and she couldn't bear to see them hurt by Jack's behavior, so she asked for a trial separation. Needless to say, David was angry and upset by his father's actions! Shirley and Jack are back together now, but Jack still appears to be jealous of David. At David's last London concert, he showed up in the most conspicuous seat in the theater wearing a button that said "I LOVE DONNY OSMOND!" in gigantic neon letters. Few people found his little joke funny and David will always feel hurt and embarrassed knowing that his father resents him enough to show it in public!

