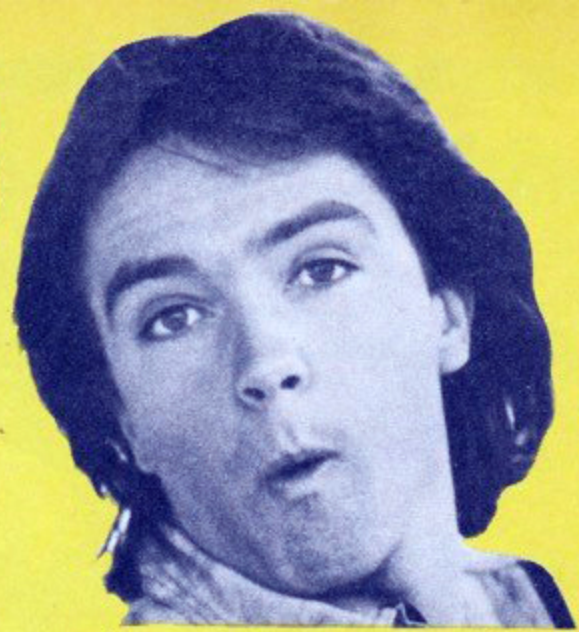




# DAVID'S LAST PF DAY!



## DAVID HURT

But David was hurt, though he didn't show it. Had everyone really forgotten? David knew he was an important part of the Partridge Family, but suddenly he felt very small and unimportant.

When the director called lunch, David started to his dressing room, where he planned to read a few fan letters and call some old buddies he hadn't talked to in awhile.

But as he drew closer, he noticed that his new car was covered with colored streamers and white foam on the windshield that said "We'll miss you!" Immediately his spirits lifted, and he said to himself, "they really didn't forget me!" He was happy about that. It's nice to be cared about!

## ANOTHER SURPRISE!

David was smiling to himself as he opened his dressing room door and suddenly a lot of voices yelled "surprise!" and startled the living daylights out of him! Shirley and his dad, Jack, Susan, Danny, Suzanne, Dave Madden, Ricky, Alan, and a couple of close friends were all crowded in his tiny dressing room! Streamers hung from the ceiling, and were twisted around everything, and colorful balloons were everywhere! Confetti covered the furniture and floor!

Once he recovered from the shock, David hugged everyone, and chatted freely. Then Shirley

and Jack presented David with a tiny box gift-wrapped in gold paper, with a gold ribbon. Inside was a beautiful gift the entire cast and crew had chipped in to buy as a going-away gift: a gold pocket-watch from Switzerland with delicate hands and tiny figures painted on the face, depicting symbols of that lovely land. David was deeply touched by the gift, and especially by the personal message engraved on the back.

After a while, everyone realized it was lunch time and that they were hungry! Everyone wanted to take David out to a fancy, expensive restaurant for a lunch he'd never forget! But David, feeling very happy, said he didn't want that. He'd like this party to be like those intimate, casual, friendly get-togethers held at the end of filming each PF episode!

So, in a few minutes, everyone was squeezed on the couch, or sitting on the floor in David's tiny dressing room, eating pizza, sandwiches, potato chips, and coke, ordered from a local deli! It wasn't fancy, or glamorous. But that's how David wanted it, because he'd shared many un-glamorous, hard-working days with these people, and he wanted to always remember them like this. All that really mattered was that they cared about him, and that he'd be welcome back any time! And David wasn't about to stay away from a group of great people like this! He knew he'd be back to visit with his old friends!

David was a little saddened as he stepped out of his dressing room at the Partridge studio for the last time. Today was his last day filming "The Partridge Family" and although it was going to be hard to say goodbye, he was a little excited about the special farewell party the cast and crew would probably have planned when he arrived that morning.

But when he got on the set, everything looked normal, and there weren't any "good luck" handshakes, no comforting slaps on the back, nothing to indicate that anyone even cared—just the usual call from the director, "Places, first team, please!" Puzzled, but ready for work because he is a pro, David stepped up to his marked spot before the camera and did the scene perfectly the first time.

The day went like any other day, and many shots had to be re-shot, but never because of David. He'd every one of his lines memorized so well, he couldn't flub up. And how could he forget his lines anyway? This particular episode took on a special meaning to David because it'd be his last as the star of the show!