

Shirley Jones

David's pretty stepmother In the TV series Partridge Family, she sang and played David Cassidy's mother (left). And in private she still plays David's stepmother: Shirley Jones. BRAVO introduces you to the attractive American actress here

I'm constantly being approached by teenagers, even on the street: "Aren't you the mother of David Cassidy from the Partridge family?" says the beautiful, 1.65 meter tall Shirley Jones. But you have to get used to that when you play your famous stepson in a popular TV series," smiles the petite 41-year-old woman, who has been a successful stage, film and television actress for around twenty years.

Shirley Jones was born on March 31, 1934 in Smith-town/Pennsylvania. She began singing lessons at an early age. Her mother drove her over 40 kilometers every day to neighbouring Pittsburgh, where her singing teacher lived. The effort paid off: While still at school, Shirley Jones performed in various operettas at the Pittsburgh Theater. She then decided to go to New York on her own initiative and introduced herself to the musical kings Rodgers and Hammerstein. In 1954, she promptly landed her first role in the now famous Broadway musical South Pacific, which was also made into a movie. The first step towards a great career had been taken.

And this is what the second one looked like: One evening, a Hollywood agent was sitting in the theater who gave her a film contract immediately after a South Pacific performance - for the musical "Oklahoma". And "Oklahoma" also brought her luck in her private life: Jack Cassidy was her partner in the production of this Broadway musical. He had just divorced and Shirley fell head over heels in love with him. They married on August 5, 1956. Jack Cassidy brought his son David into the marriage

Privately and professionally, Shirley Jones was lucky: she received one film offer after another. Two of her most successful films were "Two Rides" with Richard Widmark and James Stewart and "Young Love in April" with Pat Boone. Shirley Jones won an Oscar in 1961 for "Elmer Gantry" (partner: Burt Lancaster). Television also came calling: the five years of "The Partridge Family" were the high point of her TV career.

Her marriage to Jack Cassidy has now ended after almost twenty years. Our jobs meant we saw each other too rarely," says Shirley Jones, explaining the breakdown of her marriage. Jack and Shirley have three sons: Shaun, Patrick and Ryan. Shaun is currently accompanying his mother on a theater tour: In the co-medy "On a clear day", handsome Shaun plays a supporting role...

A successful team: David Cassidy, Shirley Jones and Susan Dey (from left) helped the TV series Partridge Family to become a huge success

Blonde hair. light brown eyes and usually in a radiant mood: 41-year-old Shirley Jones is a sought-after star in American television and film