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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 09:24:53

I'm sorry to have to announce, yet again, the death of someone who featured large in Dusty's life. Derek Wadsworth was a member of the Echoes during the sixties and spoke lovingly of Dusty on recent documentaries. He died of a sudden heart attack two days ago.

Condolences to his wife and family.

<http://www.derekwadsworth.com/>

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 06/12/2008 09:25:20

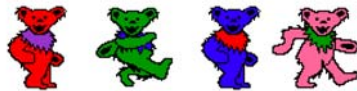
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humboldt I'll try anything



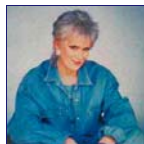
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RIP Derek.



Humboldt

Clive I'll try anything



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RIP Derek and thanks for all the wonderful records you were involved with.

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Some of you may have met Derek at last years Dusty Day, a really nice man.



Photo taken by Mark.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Carole R. Where am I going?



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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 09:55:39

Oh no!...

I'm shocked and horrified to read this...

I remember Derek from Dusty Day..He seemed like a brilliant guy.

It was obvious he thought the World of Dusty too.

I heard him speak about her in radio tributes etc..

His stories were always filled with love and affection for Dusty.

I hope that they've met up again, for that fab gig in the sky. 😊

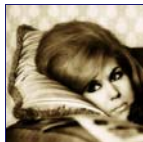
RIP. Derek Wadsworth.

Carole R xx

"I'm not as crazy as I used to be"...



Hampson
I've got a good thing
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trek007
I'll try anything
★★★



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Jonathan
Little by little
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 10:59:14

Gosh that is a real shocker. I met Derek at DD too - and such a nice man. RIP.

Wend



Posted - 06/12/2008 : 11:04:42

What a shock...I remember him too from DD, he always came across as a very modest sort of man and spoke so well of Dusty.

Condolences to his family.

Trek.

often called Carole.



Posted - 06/12/2008 : 11:04:50

What an enormous shock. A great musician and a lovely man.

Love Jonathan



Will
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 11:25:40

I'm so very sorry to read this, Carole. I well remember Derek from Dusty Day and he struck me as a really nice man. I offer my condolences to his wife and family and indeed to everyone who knew him. This is another huge loss for the Dusty community.

On looking at his own website, I discovered that he was the composer of the theme to "Space 1999", which was wonderful, as well as the first advert for Cadbury's Flake.

May he rest in peace.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 12:14:13

Looking for information on Dusty and Derek for the website, I came across this article from The Independent, from 2006, which discusses "The Invention Of Dusty" and which has a wonderful quotation from Derek.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/features/the-invention-of-dusty-springfield-471570.html>

Will

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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 14:49:40

What sad news, yes a lovely man indeed. Rest in peace Derek.

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



allherfaces
Administrator
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 15:26:29

Shocking and sad news.



He obviously thought the world of Dusty.
Thank you, Will, for featuring his quotation on the home page of the web.

Condolences to friends and family.
May he rest in peace.

Nancy



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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 15:48:04



Thanks for finding the article Will, Derek really did have such worthwhile things to say about Dusty. So many of the people she worked with are no longer with us, it's so sad.

Eight minutes plus of pure bliss, is watching Dusty backed by the Echoes at the 1996 Poll concert. Derek is on trombone.

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=BdODI4S2Qsg>

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 06/12/2008 15:48:34



Will
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 16:28:18



There is an even better article, I have discovered. Writing for the BBC in 2007, Derek wrote an article called "The Dusty I Knew" - it is a beautiful article, very warmly written and reveals much about the relationship between Dusty and those closely surrounding her. If you have not seen it already, I heartily recommend it; it is a lovely tribute to Dusty, but it is also, now, a warm and wonderful tribute to Derek himself.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/northamptonshire/content/articles/2007/05/15/w07_derek_wadsworth_the_dusty_i_knew_feature.shtml

And Carole - "pure bliss" is the perfect description of that YouTube video. Absolutely wonderful.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Clive
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 06/12/2008 : 17:16:39



thanks Will never saw this article before.



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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 17:46:49



I'd never seen it either Will, so thank you for that. It's wonderful to read and I'm so glad you found it. Derek obviously had a lot of love and respect for Dusty and it shines out of the article. How I would love to read more articles like this from those that knew and worked with her.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Will
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 18:06:02



I think that article is pure gold. Such a lovely man.

Will

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paula
Moderator
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 19:50:17



sad to hear..thanks for all the photos and articles..they were all very interesting and informative. Derek has quite the impressive *star* list of who he had worked with as an arranger & musician. (under Bio of Carole's web site)

My condolences to all friends and family of DW
paula x



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spooky
Little by little
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Posted - 06/12/2008 : 23:56:51

This is very sad to hear. Derek was really kind to me when I was doing research for my book. He generously spent a whole day with me at his house in Oxfordshire, chatting about Dusty (and lots of other things too). He was very active in his retirement and was working on a series of books for children, all about a music teacher/band leader in a small village. The illustrations were lovely--I think his wife did them.

LTDers, who all seem to be big animal lovers, might like to know that I met Derek's dog, Poppy, also. Poppy had only three legs (one of the front ones was missing--can't recall why) but managed to get around just fine. A great dog. Derek was devoted to her.

I took a few pictures on that day and I'd love to post them though it will probably take me forever to find them. I think it was in 04 that I met Derek, so the pictures are buried in 4 years of other stuff. I'll try to find and post, eventually.

No doubt, Derek and Dusty are having a nice reunion wherever they are!

Annie

warten und hoffen...



memphisinlondon
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Posted - 08/12/2008 : 19:25:56

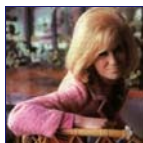
What a lovely and informative article Will has posted. Dusty at the controls and everyone in awe and knowing they were in the presence of greatness. I remember Derek from DD this year. He was lovely and invited anyone who wanted to, to meet him at the bar for a chat.

Only on Friday I was waiting for a train and the theme from Space 1999 came onto my Walkman. I thought to myself, when I get my groovy lounge club I'll play that track. Hats off to you, Derek. Rest easy. And thanks for the music and for those precious memories you shared with us.

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Chrispld
I'll try anything
★★



United Kingdom
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Posted - 10/12/2008 : 01:09:05

Sorry to hear the sad news about Derek Wadsworth.

Chris



Corinna
Forum Admin
★★★★★



Sweden
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Posted - 11/12/2008 : 20:45:03

Incredibly sad, and unbelievable. Very sorry to hear this.

Cor xx

"I don't know what it is that makes me love you so..."



Tom Lovett
Little by little
★



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Posted - 12/12/2008 : 15:14:46

Sorry to hear the sad news.

Derek was on BBC1 early morning TV show ecently, they were discussing unpaid royalties on 60's hits for misicians who only got a session fee.

He didn't look very well.

Tom.

In sparkle gown, perfection, spinning impossible arcs of vibrato through smouldering waves of invisible sound.



Will
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Posted - 12/12/2008 : 17:16:29

I wonder if this may have been in relation to the theme for tv series 'Space 1999' (currently enjoying a re-run on ITV3). Going by Derek's blog on his website, there was a legal battle on-going regarding the royalties for this theme.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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boztiggs
Where am I going?

Posted - 16/12/2008 : 21:33:55



i remember how pleased we all were after his speech at dusty day, it was lovely, and i could tell he had so much more to say about her, godbless derek

neil

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, i hold his photograph and pray ill see him soon oh-oh"

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