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Author







Posted - 08/07/2008: 12:52:20

Hi everyone!

I have a silly question and hopefully someone can answer it.

I read somewhere that Dusty was near-sighted and wore glasses, is this true? I'm just curious and has anyone seen her wearing glasses?

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Kathy Wasn't born to follow



Posted - 08/07/2008: 13:47:57



Yes Dusty needed glasses to see anything more than a few feet from her. This made her movements on stage and up and down stairs sometimes a very difficult thing. Not sure whether I have seen Dusty in glasses. Has anyone got photos of Dusty in Glasses they can post here?

XX Kathy

"The images unwind..."



**Kristel** 

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Thank you for answering my question! Nice to know! :D Pictures would also be nice!





Sweden



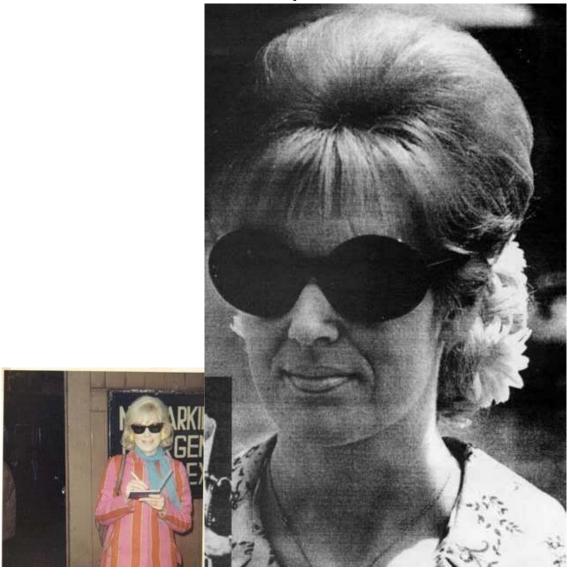


Posted - 08/07/2008: 14:27:56 

Here are a couple of photos of Dusty in sunnies, and I'll bet they were prescription, too. There are a couple of photos of her in glasses I'm sure someone will add...just can't find my copies ATM.



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bobbie

Posted - 08/07/2008: 14:46:21





In DWD there's a passage where she had Helene, I believe, put on her glasses.......Helene could barely walk with Dusty's glasses on.



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Bless her, she looks like the female protagonist in an '50s film noir in those. :)

Michael

Let's pretend we're cats instead of people and go roll around and scratch an old latch hook rug together.



Posted - 08/07/2008: 14:55:38



Who's Helene?



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Posted - 08/07/2008: 15:01:55

There are some pics around of Dusty wearing large frames regular eye glasses around somewhere, which was the fashion at the time. One of these pictures it is said that Dusty is Gladys Thong, but we all know who that actually is. Also there is a very young picture of Dusty taken at her convent school with glasses.

Marty



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Posted - 08/07/2008: 15:20:15



You're right Marty, I remember the one with the hockey sticks with young Mary O'Brien (Dusty) with glasses.

Fin\_friend, Helene is Helene Sellery who Dusty met at one of her darkest moments in the 1970's. This American woman who lived in California formed a deep friendship with Dusty which lasted up until Dusty passed away, not dimmed by time or distance. It is nice to know that Dusty had friends like that as at times her life was turbulent.

We have a short biography of Dusty on our website. In addition you can read about Dusty in books such as Lucy O'Brien's (no relative) Dusty Springfield and in the controversial Dancing with Demons. Both books are still fairly available via Amazon and even on Ebay sometimes. Hope this helps.

XXKathy

"You're still here on my mind..."

Posted - 08/07/2008: 15:45:59



Kristel Little by little





Thanks for the tips!



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Posted - 08/07/2008: 16:57:55



Dusty with Douggie in the early 70's.



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#### Carole x

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







Posted - 08/07/2008: 19:07:54



Thanks for posting this pic! I'm glad I don't have to wear glasses like those



Edited by - Kristel on 08/07/2008 19:27:23



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# memphisinlondon Where am I going?



Posted - 08/07/2008: 21:16:58



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Dusty sounds like a fabulous version of Mr Magoo. I didn't realise she was so very short sighted. I remember reading a story about her knocking into an old lady because she was driving in London, in a sports car of course, with sunglasses on...at night Poor Dusty had to be taken to hospital too she was that upset.

It must have been very exciting being a passenger in her supersonic Jensen Interceptor!

# Memphis

Ever since we met...



Will Wasn't born to follow \*\*\*\*





She looks very 'Alexandra Bastedo' in those first two images above, Nancy...



## Will http://www.mactastic.net/

"..Catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."



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Posted - 09/07/2008: 08:43:08



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Originally posted by Will-Scotland

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She looks very 'Alexandra Bastedo' in those first two images above, Nancy..

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"..Catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."

Gosh Will - I haven't heard her name for years, whatever happened to her. I used to think she was the most beautiful woman in the world.

Wendy



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# allherfaces



Posted - 15/07/2008: 01:01:42

I saw a 'where are they now' thing on TV some time ago. I think this gorgeous woman - I think everybody had a crush on her in 'The Champions' - lives a quiet country life looking after horses. I have to go to Geneva every now and then and every time I see the fountain in the lake I think of 'The Champions' and Alexandra Bastedo looking so cool - what a great name! And she's still looking good.

## Memphis

Carole x

Ever since we met...



I watched the interview which was included on the Live at the BBC DVD and she was talking about how she lost her glasses on the plane and Not that it's funny, but I wonder how that is possible 😭



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Posted - 18/07/2008: 10:10:18

Easy, you take them off put them in the pocket of the seat in front! How do I know? Guess



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



Posted - 18/07/2008: 15:26:55





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I once misplaced my glasses as a child of about 7 and then couldn't see to find them! Took me forever--maybe a day or so!

Since Dusty seldom wore her glasses in public, I imagine she took them off quite a bit, so they

I'm very near sighted like D and it's difficult to imagine how she functioned without them. Just something else mysterious and amazing about her. I wonder if she did wear them more 'in private'...not in the public eye.

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**Kristel** 

Posted - 18/07/2008: 19:38:35

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I have to agree with you, I don't understand it either.



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paula Moderator \*\*\*



I understand...as I did the same thing in my 20's & 30's. I hated wearing glasses especially out for a night on the town..which then was quite often. 👝 I just lived with it..didn't mind that someone might be waving across the room at me and I had no idea who it was. A I think its called vanity. paula x



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Well, I can understand that people don't want to wear glasses, but I don't understand how anyone who's really near-sighted (more than I am) can manage without them. As a young girl I didn't want to wear glasses either and I didn't (kids can be so mean). Thinking back at those days I can't understand how I got through school even. It seems so stupid now...



I've "lost" my glasses many times, especially in the tight confines of a plane. I don't need them to read, only for long distances so I take them off all the time for reading. I usually balance them on my lap, but often look back and they are gone! Sometimes they are on the floor, sometimes down the arm of the chair, at times I've even found that I am sitting on them! It's a constant hassle, but I understand how Dusty could have had this problem. People who have poor distance vision often don't need glasses for reading (especially when younger) so this in itself is a reason for taking them on an off (quite apart from vanity).



"You're still here on my mind..."



bobbie

Posted - 20/07/2008: 04:39:22



We yanks wear them around our necks....gotta be careful when you hug, lest you bend

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them.....



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Posted - 20/07/2008: 12:23:48





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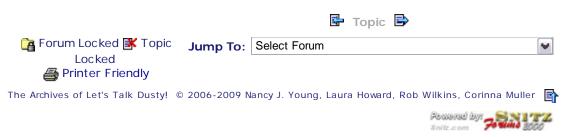


USA 5821 Posts I AM SO GLAD I WAS CLOSE TO THE DOOR OF THAT RADIO STATION BACK IN 67 WHEN DUSTY CAME OUT WITH HER HAND OVER HER EYES TO BE ABLE TO SEE ME. .. THE SUN WAS SO BRIGHT WE WERE ONLY A COUPLE OF FEET APART.

I REMEMBER WE DID TALK A FEW SECONDS LONGER THEN DUSTY HANDED THE MOVIE CAMERA TO THAT MAN TO START TAKING THE MOVIE.SO GLAD SHE KNEW WHAT TO DO I JUST STOOD THERE ......WHAT WAS I THINKING  $\bigcirc$  THAT'S JUST IT I WASN'T.

MARY

THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES! Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



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