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**memphisinlondon**

Where am I going?



Posted - 10/06/2008 : 01:40:41


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I've just been through some of my old Dusty files from the mailing sites. I didn't have time yesterday. They brought back a lot of memories about why I stopped signing in. Just after Dusty's passing there was a lot of rancour and I have to say, nastiness, on some Dusty sites. People criticised Fred Perry and then they stood up for him. People pilloried 'Faye Harris' and she never came back. I'd joined the lists after all this had happened. Here's a message from Faye just after Dusty's passing. She must have been grief stricken but she was run off the site. Please don't reveal 'Faye Harris'. If she wanted to be out I'm sure we'd have heard more from her by now. All I know is she did a lot of good for Dusty but there came a point when she couldn't take anymore. I've asterisked some names just in case...

1999

"Dear Dusty Fans,

I have been Dusty's close friend for 27 years. In addition to \*\*\* monitoring \*\*\*, I, too was watching for her. I hardly know where to begin. Dusty was a very private person and NEVER wanted anything discussed that was personal. She was always like that. It had nothing to do with her being sick. But when she did get sick, she was even more adamant about it. She made me promise never to write about her in any way, in any medium, but I know she wouldn't mind some praise. She was so touched by what all of you wrote and how much you respected her and her music. She was really knocked out that this list was so active. It was very frustrating, and at times heartbreaking for \*\*\* and me to truly know what was going on and read what you were chatting about, oblivious to her real health status--but it was what she wanted.

I feel OK about telling you of her strength and courage. It's all right for you to know that she was always sicker than was ever revealed. It was known to our very, very tight-knit inner-circle that the end would always be this terrible result. DUSTY DID NOT KNOW THIS for the longest time, and really lived happily and with hope for some time. But she was one of the brightest people I've ever known, and about 13 months ago she figured out the truth. Without going into details in order to respect her privacy, the last year for us has been one of many times not knowing if she would be with us the next day. It was at those times when it was so hard to read [your posts], for all of you had no idea of our pain.

Again, I want you to know that Dusty, up until about two weeks ago was still regaling nurses and doctors with her sense of humor. Once she knew it was going to be a horrific fight she fought harder. She never gave up because she loved life so much. She fought with grace, style, dignity, and I have even more respect than before. If you notice I'm deliberately leaving out details as I promised her.

I doubt very much whether I can answer many of your questions without breaking my promise to her. I will answer some obvious ones that would be OK with her without details 1. Yes, I went to England and saw her. 2. Yes, she did personally get and hold the OBE 3. Yes, fabulous arrangements have been in place for the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame Salute for some time. What will happen and who will be there (at least at this point) will all be what she arranged 4. DUSTY NEVER TALKED TO LUCY O'BRIEN. SHE HATED THAT BOOK, AND ANYTHING LUCY SAYS IS UNAUTHORIZED. 5. Vicki Wickham and Pat Rhoads (if they make formal statements) are the only authorized people. 6. \* \* \* will write to you but he, too won't answer private questions. Just know that I think [he] is a saint and you should, too. 7. Dusty was unbelievably delighted by all the honors.

She once told me that the ONE place where she was truly happy and secure was when she was on stage because she loved her art and the audience. This is an indescribably devastating time for me, but I had to write to all of you to tell you that Dusty loved you all and I know she would say to you the last words she said to me, "God Bless."

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 03:53:26

**paula**  
Moderator  
★★★★★



USA  
5012 Posts

thanks for sharing that , Memphis.  
paula x



**mssdusty**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★



USA  
5821 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 07:21:23

YES THANKS SO MUCH.....MEMPHIS

MARY



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



**Mads**  
Where am I going?  
★★★☆☆



Australia  
3323 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 07:31:42

Thank you so much for saving that, and now passing it on to us.

**LOVE MADS.**



**daydreamer**  
Moderator  
★★★★★



United Kingdom  
5404 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 13:15:07

I remember reading that at the time and I also remember that the person who posted it didn't do it in the name of Faye Harris, she used her own name and to be honest, a lot of people back then wondered who this person was and what her motives in posting were. Most people now know who Faye Harris is, the whole charade in DWD, was plain silly because no one else used an alias. What was she ashamed of? She's been mentioned on here before, in her own name, so it wouldn't be an outing.

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



**Hampson**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★



United Kingdom  
4703 Posts

**Tim**  
Where am I going?  
★★★



United Kingdom  
3422 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 14:25:22

Thank you Memphis.

Wendy



Posted - 10/06/2008 : 14:26:00

Thank you for sharing that Memphis - it is really good to know Dusty appreciated our love for her.

We fans find ourself often correcting people's gossip about Dusty. We can't do that with sealed lips unfortunately so we just have to use our own judgement. No doubt Dusty would surely understand and supports us when we find ourselves in this predicament. People close to Dusty have now spoken about their relationship with her - that and other factors mean much of her life is now irreversibly in the public domain. She is a legend after all!

I can only remember 'Faye' from her mention in DWD, where she is portrayed as something of a saint for putting up with Dusty. The bias of this really rankled with me as I have certainly heard different stories surrounding her - none of which I feel inclined to share on here as they may or may not be true - but would only cause hurt in the re-telling.

Tim :-)

'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee...!'

Edited by - Tim on 10/06/2008 15:08:30



**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★



USA  
14235 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 14:58:57

Well, and also, I think Carole's point is that "Faye Harris" has already been named, and in fact named herself in the post that Memphis is quoting.

**I'll put your pictures all around my wall  
I'll build a tower of love that won't fall**



**memphisinlondon**  
Where am I going?  
★★★



United Kingdom  
3565 Posts

Posted - 10/06/2008 : 15:50:50

I was surprised by what I found in those old files. In another mail Faye says that "The auction in England of her "memorabilia" is totally UNAUTHORIZED." This came up recently elsewhere on this site. I guess the estate had to make a decision.

I'm using her pseudonym because the last time I read about her at any length was in DWD which was published in 2000 - she didn't want to be named publicly.

I posted the text for information purposes and for people who hadn't seen the post before. The words are straightforward and they were good and comforting to read when I found them. There's nothing controversial except we now know the strong words about privacy didn't take long to bite the dust. And I find the vehemence about 'authorisation' a bit too strong.

'Faye' in 1974/5 gets a strong commendation from Brooks Arthur in the current Dusty Bulletin.

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 10/06/2008 15:58:46



**bobbie**  
I start counting

Posted - 12/06/2008 : 00:23:21



I feel if Dusty, and she obviously did love and respect "Faye Harris" we should cherish any input an memories she shares with us.



USA  
75 Posts

**bobbie**  
I start counting

Posted - 12/06/2008 : 03:27:06



Being new to this site not withstanding.....I can say that everyone here shares a deep love for Our Dusty. I for one feel blessed that we have those among us who really knew her and loved her in their own way. Of course we have interviews, "You Tube", and newspaper clippings. But there are people alive who care enough to share their experience of a living Dusty. Please don't turn them away. I read somewhere that when an old person dies, it's as if a library has burned. There are Dusty libraries out there. Please know that I write this with all the respect in the world for Dusty's memory.



USA  
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**Kathy**  
Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★

Posted - 12/06/2008 : 04:55:12



I understand what you are saying Bobbie, and know that all the people on this site love and respect Dusty. 😊

However, there have been conflicting reports about the role of "Faye" in Dusty's life that are different from the DWD image. In addition why she hides her identity is also a mystery. As a result, the comments made by "Faye" under her real name on another (now defunct) site sit oddly with requests not to "out" her. This site respects that request for anonymity but there are some who have a reduced level of faith in this source of Dusty information.

xx  
Kathy

"The images unwind..."



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