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by **dig123**

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Posted: **Wed Feb 05, 2014 4:55 pm**

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## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **seamist1**

Posted: **Thu Feb 06, 2014 5:31 am**

Hi newbie from the states, just thought I would say Hello. Glad to have another USA person, I'm from Pennsylvania. You have come to the right place for your questions about Dusty, the people here are great, and if anyone can answer your question, it will be from these fantastic people. I am also learning so much, unfortunately I only discovered Dusty really only about a year ago. So welcome and good to have you with us.



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## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Thu Feb 06, 2014 6:47 am**

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Maggie

## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **dig123**

Posted: **Thu Feb 06, 2014 2:22 pm**

Thanks for the greetings! I'm from New England. This site really seemed like the place to get Dusty info. The PBS doc was more about the Brit invasion in the 60's not just about Dusty. But her voice/music was not British to me. Back then in the 60's, I was a young teen and I associated her with Motown sound....(obviously I know why now).... Her voice was so distinctive. I remember the first time I heard her with Pet Shop Boys. I knew immediately it was Dusty and was so surprised!!!

## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by jeffery

Posted: **Thu Feb 06, 2014 11:01 pm**

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## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by dig123

Posted: **Fri Feb 07, 2014 3:18 pm**

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Thought I responded but here goes again.....Thanks for the greetings! The PBS show was about 60's music. Dusty was one of the performers they showed. PBS was raising money by selling CD's. Anyway, just did something to me. I had to start reading about her.

## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Fri Feb 07, 2014 7:26 pm**

Sorry for the confusion, Di. When you first join LTD your first few posts require approval- it's just a safeguard against scammers and all of that. Your posts are now here. Welcome aboard- nice to have another New Englander here! (we already have a few). 🍷👍

## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **dibley**

Posted: **Fri Feb 07, 2014 10:33 pm**

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Linda

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by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Sat Feb 08, 2014 5:17 pm**

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Linda

Apparently she didn't tempt fate - she wouldn't allow guests to bring alcohol into her home.

Maggie

## Re: Dusty's personal life....

by **Hampson**

Posted: **Sun Feb 16, 2014 9:52 pm**

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I got the impression it was a huge struggle for her Linda, bearing in mind the circles she traveled in, show business which is awash with the stuff, and I remember a story and I will probably get a lot of this inaccurate but she went into The Ritz on roller skates to meet someone in the middle of the day, and was asked what she would like to drink and eat and I believe the answer was well I'd like a vodka and a couple of (the tranquillisers) she used to take, but I suppose I will have to settle for a cup of tea and a cucumber sandwich. It went something like that anyway.

Wend