

David Cassidy, idol of the 70's, has died

The actor and singer, who was hospitalized for serious liver problems, died at the age of 67.

He drove several generations of teenagers crazy, who packed his concerts and delighted in his television appearances. The unprecedented success David Cassidy enjoyed in the 1970s began to wane in the 1980s, although he remained active, with a loyal following that never left him. The artist returned to the limelight last February when he announced that he was retiring for good due to a degenerative brain disease that also afflicted his mother and grandfather.

Willing not to hide the truth, Cassidy confessed his drama in an interview in which he explained that he had even forgotten the lyrics of songs during concerts. After those episodes, he made the decision to quit music because, he said, he wanted to enjoy life. I want to dedicate

my efforts to what I am, to who I am". However, his health condition was worsening to the point that, a few days ago, the singer was admitted in serious condition in a Florida hospital because he needed an urgent liver transplant. A few hours after arriving at the medical center, his vital organs began to fail, so he was induced into a coma until he died on November 21.

A series launched him to stardom

Since the news of his death broke, the social networks have been filled with messages of condolence and recognition of the figure of this American who could be said to have artistic talent in his veins. David, who was born on April 12, 1950, was the only son of the marriage between actor and singer Jack Cassidy and actress Evelyn Cassidy.

Ward. The intense pace of his parents' work meant that the child was raised by his grandparents. The scarce contact he had with his parents caused him to learn that both had separated two years after it happened.

When the little boy was 6 years old, his father married fellow actress Shirley Jones, with whom he had three children: Shaun, Patrick and Ryan. David, who grew up with them, dreamed since he was a teenager of following in his father's footsteps and, thanks to his father's help, made his debut in 1969 in a Broadway musical. Subsequently, he appeared in episodes of "Bonanza" and "Ironman". Fame came when he was signed to play Keith Partridge in "Mom and Her Incredible Children. In this series, the role of his mother was played by his real-life stepmother, Shirley Jones.

Taking advantage of the fiction's success, the people in charge of the series recorded

several albums with songs performed by its protagonists and soon realized the potential of David, who was offered to start a solo musical career. His first single "I Think I Love You" (1972) reached the top of the charts.

Despite his fragile and androgynous physique, Cassidy aroused passions among the young girls who filled large venues to see him. During a concert he gave in 1974 at London's Wembley Stadium, an avalanche caused the death of a 14-year-old girl. David was deeply affected by that episode.

Three failed marriages and two children

Submerged in a deep sadness, the artist abused alcohol and drugs, excesses that he would not confess until years later and that were also very difficult for his parents to bear.

AN INTENSE LOVE STORY

Photos: At left, David,

above, left, with his first wife, Kay Lenz, with whom he was happy for three years,

and right, with his second wife, Meryl Tanz, whose marriage lasted only one year.

Below, with Sue Shifrin, his third wife.

The artist married three times. His first two marriages failed immediately, while his third wife, Sue Shifrin, mother of his son Beau, remained by his side for 13 years until, in 2014, she asked him for a divorce because of her problems with alcohol. Cassidy had another daughter, Katie, who was born in 1986 from a relationship with Sherry Williams Benedon.

Photo: In the 70s, David appeared on the covers of all the magazines in the world (left, Superpop and Pronto magazines).