

Dolly

An autobiography of Dolly Parton (1994)

Dolly Parton was born 19Jan1946 in Sevier County, TN. Her dad was poor sharecropper with 12 kids. Then bought his own farm & fixed it up. The preacher came by to say you & God have a nice place here. Her dad replied: "You should have seen it when it was only God." It was traumatic as a child to see the dead body of a friend. Her uncle told the kids to plant horse seeds (manure) and wait for a pony. It was a rare treat to get something store-bought.

Uncle Bill was her best cheer leader and took her to many auditions. She got a job with a local radio station. Some school girls got jealous and made up some vicious lies about her. She wanted to quit school, but finished to show they didn't win & to prove her self-respect. She moved to Nashville after high school and struggled to survive.

She sang on the Porter Wagner Show & got paid \$60k in the first year. That gave her a start, but had many headaches with Porter. After 7 years she quit & he sued her & settled for \$1million because he said he made her a star.

She married Carl Dean in 1966. He is a quiet guy that doesn't like the spotlight. Her life time best friend is Judy Ogle. Her manager was Sandy Gallin. She founded Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN (in the Great Smokey Mountains).

Dolly Quotes: "The worst thing about poverty is not the actual living of it, but the shame of it."
"People tend to fear what they do not know, and what they fear they dislike."

"It has often seemed to me that my relatives have been sunburned by the spotlight that always follows me around."

"I cried, not so much out of a sense of loss, but from the pain that almost always comes from change."

"Abraham Lincoln was not great because he was born in a log cabin, but because he got out of it."

"I became apparent to me that life goes on whether you feel like being part of it or not."

"Most of the tantrums people throw don't really come out of anger with others as much as from an insecurity within themselves."

Books: Possibility Thinking (Robert Schuller); The Magic of Believing (Claude Bristol); The Dynamic Laws of Healing (Catherine Ponder); The Sleeping Prophet (Edgar Cayce).

Songs: Here you come again; Islands in the Stream; I will always love you; 9 to 5;

Movies: 9 to 5; Best Little Whorehouse; Steel Magnolias