

# NANCY SINATRA

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At 14, Nancy attends premiere with Dad and brother Frank.



Actor-singer Tommy Sands married Nancy three years ago.

Nancy stars in first film, "For Those Who Think Young."



"I tried to take religion, dramatics, and mythology, but they all required three years of study, and I just couldn't take it. I regret it now and hope one day to go back to college through extension classes.

"When I left, I went to secretarial school because Mom felt that if I should ever have to support myself, I'd better know something. She didn't say what—that was up to me. I took Speedwriting, bookkeeping, typing, and filing.

"The Speedwriting still comes in very handy. My husband writes quite a bit, and he can dictate to me. He has published a lot of songs, but he hides the stories he writes and hasn't submitted any of them yet."

There was a rumor that both her parents were upset when Nancy became engaged to actor-singer Tommy Sands four years ago. Nancy refutes that. "They had the normal amount of concern any parents would have. They asked me if I loved Tommy, and I said yes—and I had never said that before about anyone. That's the truth, believe me." I did, because Nancy is one of the most honest and candid persons I have ever met.

She is convinced that she can make her marriage work in spite of Hollywood's staggering divorce rate and the unfortunate example set by her own parents' divorce. "There are two major problems Tommy and I are trying to avoid. Being separated is the most important one. If I'm offered a job and Tommy has to be someplace else, I turn down the offer because Tommy is more important to me than the job.

"The second problem is communication: to talk things out, to be honest with each other. If Tommy and I disagree about anything, we lock the door and have a discussion until it's hashed out. Many times we have sat and stared at each other so long that we break up laughing because we look so silly. It's amazing how it works."

IT IS A CREDIT to both her parents that Nancy has been affected comparatively little by their divorce. "It may sound vague, but the only hard part was not seeing them together. There was never any strangeness or animosity between my parents. My mother never said an unkind word about my father. And he used to talk to me on the phone every day.

"Of course, I lived with both parents until I was eight. But even later, I was with my Dad a great deal, and we've shared many wonderful times together. When I was 14, Daddy even took me on a trip to Australia, and I went on other trips with him, too. We have always been close."

Today, Nancy and Tommy are living with her mother and younger sister Tina, who is 15. "We bought a lot in Beverly Hills, but we can't afford to build yet. We really shouldn't have bought it for another 15 years. But we knew it wouldn't be there then—and it's such an ideal place, we just had to buy it."

Nancy isn't worried about keeping house on her own. "I know how to run a home as well as my mother does. She taught me knitting and sewing during my childhood. I know how to cook and iron and all the other things a housewife has to know. Since I was 13, I have been in charge of planning and cooking dinner one day each week.

"When Tommy and I lived in New York, I kept house all by myself. Of course, a lot of people thought, 'She has it made; she married a movie star.' But that's not true. We lived on a very tight budget; and when we traveled while Tommy filled singing engagements, I even carried an electric frying pan along to cook breakfast in our room because meals on the road are so terribly expensive.

"But I never minded that, as long as I could be with Tommy. The only thing that really tears me up is not being able to be with my husband. I am terribly emotional, and I have an awful lot of love to give to anyone who's close to me."

Whatever else one might say about Frank Sinatra, it is apparent that he and his first wife, Nancy, did a good job of rearing their daughter.