

CULTURAL MOMENT FOR APRIL 22, 2025 CELEBRATES DINAH CHRISTIE

Singer-comedienne Dinah (Barbara) Christie was born in London, England on December 29, 1942. The daughter of British-Canadian actors Robert and Margot Christie, she came to Canada at the age of 2.

She began her career at 17, singing to her own guitar accompaniment in Toronto folk clubs and night spots and then continued with live musical revues with her long-time creative partner Tom Kneebone.

In 1971, she bought her beloved Black Shadow Creek farm outside of Mount Forest after falling in love with the rural area while driving back and forth to Stratford with her father, who worked there for many seasons.

That same year she met her husband and life partner, Robert Warren - photographer, yacht builder and well, he could do anything and that was perfect for the old farmhouse that was built in the latter part of the 1800s. They lived at the farm together until Robert's passing in 2014.

Dinah came to national attention as a singing host in 1965-1966 for CBC TV's controversial public-affairs program "This Hour Has Seven Days." Further nightclub and stage engagements followed.

Dinah was a regular performer as one of the Home Team on CHCH TV's "Party Game" from 1970-1980 with Billy Van and Jack Duffy, and on CTV's "Check It Out" from 1985-1988. She loved performing with the likes of Bob Hope.

Dinah loved her career on TV, in film and on stage, but she adored giving her time to local fundraisers and community organizations.

Dinah also employed local seamstresses in the community to help launch her company The Badd Sisters, formed with her younger sister Cedar Christie, in the 1990s which created sustainable products and accessories.



Dinah performed, wrote and directed for the rest of her life on the farm.

She also became a Reiki Master and often travelled to the folks around her who needed healing.

Dinah was diagnosed with Dementia a few years ago and was able to stay at her precious Black Shadow Creek with the support of family and friends.

Finally, she had to say goodbye to the farm and the country living that she cherished. She adored her hometown of Mount Forest and the people too.

Dinah is now living in a long-term care home in Toronto and is surrounded by love. Her official Facebook page ([Facebook.com/DinahChristie](https://www.facebook.com/DinahChristie)) is updated often with news and fun info, and much of her work can be found on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=033333333333) to be enjoyed by all.

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