Until We Meet Again

Judith McConnell And Jed Allan's Special Goodbye To Fans

Sophia & C.C.

As the reign of one of daytime's most charismatic couples comes to an end, DTV chatted with Jed Allan (C.C.) and Judith McConnell (Sophia), who have headed up the infamous Capwell clan for nearly eight years. Though Jed wasn't the original patriarch of the family, it's hard to imagine anyone else in the role. Jed took the character in a wonderful new direction and made it his own. As she reflects on her past eight years as Sophia Capwell, Judith is misty-eyed and saddened by the collapse of one of the most highly acclaimed daytime dramas.

What went through your mind when you heard the show had been canceled? Jed Allen: (Laughs) I said, 'They're idiots!' There were rumors for a long time, so I wasn't totally in

The one thing Judith (Sophia) and Jed (C.C.) are going to miss the most about their time on Santa Barbara, will be the chance to work with one another. These two actors have nothing but praise for each other's abilities.

It was unusual to get all the Capwell children in one room at one time and we were there to capture it on film. (L-R) Carrington Garland (ex-Kelly), Paul Johansson (ex-Greg), Marcy Walker (ex-Eden), Terry Lester (ex-Mason) and Judith McConnell (Sophia) all gathered around Jed Allan (C.C.)
There was always time for fun after the hard work was over on the SB set. Judith, Jed, and their TV son Todd McKee, who played Ted, pose for this fun loving photo.

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shock about it. It was a little bit of a shock in terms of when we were to be canceled (January instead of June). Then, I thought, whatever it is, we've had a good run and I've met some nice people. It's the most fun I've had on daytime television and something else will eventually come along.

Judith McConnell: I was surprised that it was now . . . wouldn't you know I have a story line! Then, I felt like someone kicked me in the stomach.

Describe what it's been like working with each other for the past seven years?

Judith: It took us awhile and we had our problems initially, but it was really like a marriage. We became closer and closer, then started to really rely on one another. To really be partners, just like a marriage, only without the physical part! Jed and I are confidants and good friends and that's wonderful. It's a very nice relationship.

Jed: A total joy! Judith has been a confidante and a friend. We've had our natural disagreements like any marriage would over seven years of time, but we've always talked through any problems we've ever had. We're probably the best friends on the show, at least I feel that way.

Do you have a favorite on-camera moment that stands out for you?

Jed: Oh God, there's so many. I couldn't possibly tell you that. I really couldn't. There's been so many good moments on this show, there truly has. It's a special show. This wasn't a run of the mill soap opera, it was really good specific things happened. At this point in time, I think we were starting to edge our way back to where it should have been. Then, all of a sudden, the rug was pulled out. I can't complain. I've had nineteen years.

Judith: I'm getting so old (teases), and with the loss of memory . . . I always go back to when Sophia was all those different characters. It all kind of meshes together. I had a great time last summer when Marcy (Walker, ex-Eden) were working together again. I had a lot of emotional stuff and I love working with her. That would have been a good story to complete.

How about off-camera, Judith?

Judith: I think the relationships I've had with the actors, especially the women who have played my daughters: Marcy Walker, Robin Wright, Carrington Garland, Eileen Davidson and my son, Todd McKee. I really haven't had many scenes with Michael (Brainard, Ted), so we haven't been able to establish that.

What will you miss the most?

Judith: The money! Are you kidding? I'm sentimental about my friends, but it's the paycheck! (breaks into hysteric)

Jed: Going to work, the camaraderie, the joy of the same people. They're my friends at work. Even if I don't socialize with them, they're still your friends. You still have a relationship. When Thao (Penghis, Marcus) came on the show, I was glad. He's a good friend of mine from Days of Our Lives. A Martinez . . . we're real close emotionally. We try to see each other, but sometimes it's hard with the kids. I'm very happy for A.

Would you ever do another soap opera?

Jed: Sure, in a second!

Judith: In a minute! Sophia is the first nice person I've played in daytime. I've always been the bitch and I'd like to go back to that. I'd like to come into some town in soap land and wreck havoc!

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