

= Pattie Boyd =

Patricia Anne " Pattie " Weston (née Boyd) (born 17 March 1944) is an English model , photographer and author . She was the first wife of both George Harrison and Eric Clapton . In August 2007 , she published her autobiography Wonderful Tonight . Her photographs of Harrison and Clapton , titled Through the Eye of a Muse , have been exhibited in Dublin , Sydney , Toronto , Moscow , London and throughout the United States .

= = Early life = =

Boyd was born on 17 March 1944 , in Taunton , Somerset , and was the first child to Colin Ian Langdon Boyd , and Diana Frances Boyd (née Drysdale) , who were married on 14 September 1942 . The Boyds moved to West Lothian , Scotland , where her brother Colin was born in 1946 . The Boyd family moved to Guildford , Surrey , where her sister , Helen Mary " Jenny " Boyd was born in 1947 . Boyd 's youngest sister , Paula , was born at Nakuru hospital , Kenya , in 1951 . The Boyds lived in Nairobi , Kenya , from 1948 to 1953 , after her father 's discharge from the Royal Air Force . Boyd 's parents divorced in 1952 , and her mother married Robert Gaymer @-@ Jones in February 1953 , in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) . The family returned to England where Boyd gained two half brothers , David J.B. (b . 1954) and Robert , Jr . (b . 1955) . Jenny would later marry Fleetwood Mac 's drummer Mick Fleetwood and have two daughters with him - Amy and Lucy .

Boyd attended Hazeldean School in Putney , the St Agnes and St Michael Convent Boarding School in East Grinstead , and St Martha 's Convent in Hadley Wood , Hertfordshire (where she received three GCE O level passes in 1961) . Boyd moved to London in 1962 and worked as a shampoo girl at Elizabeth Arden 's salon , until a client who worked for a fashion magazine inspired her to begin work as a model .

= = Career = =

Boyd began her fashion career in 1962 , modelling in London , New York and Paris . She was photographed by David Bailey and Terence Donovan , and appeared on the cover of Vogue . Boyd appeared on the cover of the UK and Italian editions of Vogue magazine in 1969 , with other popular models of the day , such as Twiggy , who based her early modelling appearance on Boyd . Boyd was asked by Gloria Stavers to write a column for 16 Magazine , and appeared in a TV commercial promoting Smith 's crisps . She was cast for A Hard Day 's Night , where she met George Harrison .

Boyd exhibited her photos of Harrison and Clapton at the San Francisco Art Exchange on Valentine 's Day 2005 , in a show entitled Through the Eye of a Muse . The exhibition appeared in San Francisco and London during 2006 , and in La Jolla , California in 2008 . Boyd 's photography was shown in Dublin and in Toronto in 2008 and at the Blender Gallery in Sydney , Australia and in Almaty , Kazakhstan in 2009 and 2010 . Her exhibit " Yesterday and Today : The Beatles and Eric Clapton " was shown in Santa Catalina Island in California , and at the National Geographic Headquarters in Washington , DC in 2011 .

In 2007 Boyd published her autobiography , which includes some of her photographs , titled Wonderful Today in the UK ; in the US it was published with the title Wonderful Tonight : George Harrison , Eric Clapton , and Me . In the United States , Boyd 's book debuted at the top of the New York Times Best Seller list .

= = Personal life = =

= = = Marriage to George Harrison = = =

In 1964 , Boyd met Harrison during the filming of A Hard Day 's Night , in which she was cast as a

schoolgirl . Her only line in the film was asking " Prisoners ? " , but she later appeared in the " I Should Have Known Better " segment . Boyd was " semi @-@ engaged " to photographer Eric Swayne at the time , and so declined a date proposal from Harrison . Several days later , after ending her relationship with Swayne , she went back to work on the film and Harrison asked her out on a date for a second time . The couple went to a private gentlemen 's club called the Garrick Club , chaperoned by the Beatles ' manager , Brian Epstein . According to Boyd , one of the first things Harrison said to her on the film set was : " Will you marry me ? Well , if you won 't marry me , will you have dinner with me tonight ? "

Boyd had her first encounter with LSD in early 1965 when the couple 's dentist , John Riley , secretly laced her coffee with the drug during a dinner party at his home . As she was getting ready to leave with Harrison and John and Cynthia Lennon , Riley told them that he had spiked their drinks and tried to convince them to stay . Outside , Boyd was in an agitated state from the drug and threatened to break a store window , but Harrison pulled her away . Later , when Boyd and her group were in a lift on their way up to the Ad Lib club , they mistakenly believed it was on fire .

Later that year , Boyd moved into Kinfauns with Harrison . The couple were engaged on 25 December 1965 , and married on 21 January 1966 , in a ceremony at a register office in Ashley Road , Epsom , with Paul McCartney as best man . Later , the couple went on a honeymoon in Barbados . In September , Boyd flew with Harrison to Bombay to visit sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar , before returning to London on 23 October 1966 . The following year , Boyd attended the Our World broadcast of " All You Need Is Love " . Through her interest in Eastern mysticism and her membership in the Spiritual Regeneration Movement , she inspired all four Beatles to meet the Indian mystic Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in London on 24 August 1967 , which resulted in a visit to the Maharishi 's seminar in Bangor , the following day . Boyd accompanied Harrison on the Beatles ' visit to the Maharishi 's ashram in Rishikesh , India , in February 1968 . In March 1970 , Boyd moved with Harrison from Kinfauns to Friar Park , a Victorian neo @-@ Gothic mansion , in Henley @-@ on @-@ Thames .

In 1973 , Boyd 's marriage to Harrison began to fail and she had an affair with Faces guitarist Ronnie Wood . She separated from Harrison in 1974 and their divorce was finalised on 9 June 1977 . Boyd said her decision to end their marriage and leave Harrison was based largely on his repeated infidelities , culminating in an affair with Ringo Starr 's wife Maureen , which Boyd called " the final straw " . Boyd characterised the last year of her marriage as " fuelled by alcohol and cocaine " , and claimed " George used coke excessively , and I think it changed him ... it froze his emotions and hardened his heart . "

= = = Marriage to Eric Clapton = = =

In the late 1960s , Clapton and Harrison became close friends , and began writing and recording music together . At this time Clapton fell in love with Boyd . His 1970 album with Derek and the Dominos , Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs , was written to proclaim his love for her , particularly the hit song " Layla " . When Boyd rebuffed his advances late that year , Clapton descended into heroin addiction and self @-@ imposed exile for three years . Boyd moved in with Clapton and married him in 1979 . Her struggles within the marriage were masked by her public image with Clapton . Boyd drank , and admits to past drug use , but she never became a drug addict like Clapton did . Boyd left Clapton in September 1984 , and divorced him in 1988 . Her stated reasons were Clapton 's years of alcoholism , as well as his numerous affairs including one with Italian model Lory Del Santo . In 1989 , her divorce was granted on the grounds of " infidelity and unreasonable behaviour " . Boyd was also the inspiration for the songs : " Bell Bottom Blues " and " Wonderful Tonight " .

= = = Marriage to Rod Weston = = =

On 30 April 2015 , Boyd was married for the third time at the Chelsea Register Office at Chelsea Old Town Hall in London . Her husband , property developer Rod Weston , was quoted as saying , "

It 's almost our silver anniversary so we thought we had better get on with it " .