

Steve Tracy the man who tamed Nellie Olsen taught her some life lessons that she shares with others

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Steve Tracy is best known for his role on the hit show 'Little House On The Prairie's' Percival Dalton.

He was the courageous man that dared to fall in love with and marry Laura Ingalls enemy Nellie Olsen. On the show Nellie Olsen who was played by Alison Arngrim was a mean , selfish spoiled brat of a child. That is until the day the Percival Dalton came to Walnut Grove.

It was then that Nellie Olsen fell in love and it was then that actress Alison Arngrim found a true best friend. Alison had stated in interviews years ago that she had no idea what kind of effect that Steve Tracy would have on her character Nellie Olsen. What she really didn't expect was what kind of effect that Steve Tracy would have on her life.

Steve and Alison fast became the best of friends sharing their lives experiences and deepest secrets with each other. They were inseparable and trusted each other with their lives. Alison Arngrim has just recently written her memories entitled 'Confessions Of A Prairie Bitch'.

In this detailed and very personal account of her life she talks about her life as a child star, her family problems and the abuse she suffered as a child, both physical and sexual, and she dedicates a entire section of the book where she

discusses her beloved friendship with co star Steve Tracy.

Arngrim reveals that the death of her closets friend and confident Steve Tracy in 1986 from aids complications left her with a void in her heart and a purpose on her mind.

"I always referred to Steve Tracy as my 'other husband.' In the years after we both left 'Little House',we stayed incredibly tight. It was as if our relationship picked up where Little House left off."

Steve Tracy was added to the cast of Little House to be the man who changed Nellie bad to Nellie good, Alison credited Steve the man and friend to changing her out look on life and making her a better person. A person who wants to help others which is why she spends much of her time as an aids activist and specializes in demonstrations and lectures promoting the education of safer sex. Alison Arngrim hopes that by her dedicating her time and energy and sharing her knowledge on subjects such as safe sex, and child abuse that hopefully in honor of her dear friend Steve Tracy's memory she can help improve the world for all.

You can pick up a copy of Alison Arngrim's memoirs 'Confessions Of A Prairie Bitch' at your local Cincinnati's Barnes and Nobles Book stores.

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