

Dolly Parton Shares Emotional Message After Unexpected Absence

Dolly Parton's health is once again in the news.

In a video shared on Instagram, Parton explained why she missed the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions award ceremony.

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"It's Dolly, and I sure wish I could be there in person with you today," she said. "But you probably heard that I've been dealing with a few health challenges this fall, and my doctors told me to take it easy just for a little while, and I'm truly sorry I can't be there."

Parton continued by expressing her appreciation for being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her hit Tennessee-based theme park, Dollywood.

"I still remember when I had the big idea for Dollywood. Now, I dreamed of a place right here in the Smoky Mountains where my family could perform and where we could provide steady work for the good people in our community, and where families could come and laugh and play and have fun. And to make memories together."

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Parton recounted her nerves with the opening of Dollywood, unsure if anyone would show up. Decades later, people are still pouring into the park.

“Being inducted into the IAAPA Hall of Fame is a big and incredible way to help celebrate Dollywood’s 40th anniversary.”

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Previously, Parton announced that she would be taking some time off from performing to focus on her health. Her sister later posted a prayer request for Dolly, sending many into a frenzy about her condition.

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