

EXCLUSIVE

By RACHEL DOBSON

DEVOTED wife Heather Watts never suspected a thing when hubby David kept popping round to their daughter-in-law's to do some DIY.

But she was stunned when she discovered her husband of 29 years wasn't making shelves - he was making LOVE to pretty 27-year-old Sam Watts.

Angry Heather, 49, said: "He spent months at her house doing DIY and I thought he was just being kind to her.

"Now I realise he was having sex with her all along. He's thrown away his family because his head was turned by a younger piece of skirt. The whole thing is sick."

The spurned mother of two told how health and safety officer David...

● **APPEARED** to be a caring father-in-law and was always shopping for mum-of-one Sam and doing DIY.

● **SEEMED** to be furious when their soldier son Mark said he was leaving her because he suspected she was having an affair.

● **TOOK** Sam for rides on Blackpool's Pleasure Beach like young lovers while Heather was left looking after their granddaughter.

● **WROTE** secret soppy notes to his daughter-in-law based on Celine Dion's Titanic film hit My Heart Will Go On while he was pretending to be her respectable father-in-law.

● **TRIED** to marry her after his wife finally caught him red-handed - even though such a union is illegal in England and Wales.

Now besotted David, 49, has married Sam in a quickie ceremony in America - which means his eight-year-old granddaughter has become his step-daughter.

And today his new wife will give birth to their **BABY** - which will be even more confusing for the little girl who now calls her grandad "Daddy".

Daughter-in-law my boy & stole my



FAMILY SECRETS:
Heather and David
with their son, his
wife and elderly
family friend

in family values and romance together but what's happened is ridiculous. I used to think I was the luckiest mum in the world to have such a caring and loving daughter-in-law.

Fool

"But she has taken me for a fool and repaid my friendship by running off with my husband."

Heather was once devoted to her daughter-in-law - letting pregnant Sam and Mark live in the family home in Bridgend, South Wales, until they found a house of their own nearby.

And David appeared to be furious when Mark, now 29, revealed he was leaving her and their little girl because of his suspicions about an affair.

Heather said: "David turned red with anger. He couldn't believe his son would walk out on his wife and child and didn't believe she was having an affair. That was the last time they spoke to each other."

The couple rallied round to look after Sam and their only grandchild, then aged four. Every month they filled her cupboards and freezer with groceries and David would fix things around the house.

But Heather began to get resentful. One Saturday morning she woke up and David wasn't beside her in bed.

She said: "When he finally came home later, he told me he'd been at Sam's because she needs a hand with some self-assembly bedroom furniture."

"I was angry that he hadn't told me before, but I didn't complain."

"It was a stressful time and David and I didn't have anytime alone together. So it was lovely when he suggested a trip to Blackpool for the weekend. But just before we set off he said he'd invited Sam and our granddaughter to come because it wouldn't be fair to leave them out."

"I was upset because I wanted to spend some time alone with my husband but I wouldn't have denied them a day at the Pleasure Beach either."

"It ended up with me baby-sitting while the two of them went off on all the rides like two young lovers. At the



Heather

She welcomed pregnant daughter-in-law into her home

David

Fatherly affection hid torrid affair with his son's missus

Mark

Suspected wife's affair and found love-note from his dad

Sam

Welcomed family's help - and her father-in-law into her bed

Spurned Heather tells how hubby's DIY hid love-rat's secret affair with their son's wife

time they just seemed to be enjoying themselves, teasing each other and being affectionate. It's only now I see it through different eyes."

A few months later son Mark - who had moved to Cardiff - decided to give his marriage another go and went to see his wife and daughter.

But there he noticed a torn-up letter in a bin and was shocked to recognise his FATHER'S hand-writing

Heather said: "There were two letters - one warning Sam that Mark was going to see her and the other was

lyrics of Celine Dion's hit My Heart Will Go On personalised for her.

"When Mark confronted her, she flatly denied they were from her father-in-law even though he knew it was his dad's handwriting."

Despite the evidence, David convinced his wife he wasn't having an affair with their daughter-in-law.

But Heather said: "The next year was rocky with David sometimes coming home late from working, leaving me wondering what he was up to."

"I really wanted to save our

marriage and did everything I could. I broke ties with Sam, but still wanted to see my granddaughter so tried to keep up a civil relationship.

Suspicion

"Each morning I would get up and make David's breakfast. When he came home in the evening I would have his dinner ready."

"If he was ever late I insisted on him making a call to let me know."

One night two-timing David was foolish enough to say he would be late

because he was stuck on the motorway. Heather said: "I realised it didn't sound like the motorway in the background. My suspicion was aroused and I decided to call our son."

"Mark said he'd call his dad to find out where he was. Instead of waiting to find out, I put on my coat and went round to Sam's house. There, outside her house was my husband's car."

In the field at the back of the house she could hear David's voice. He was talking to Mark on the phone and lying to him that he was in London. Heather



**BETRAYED: Even now,
Heather still cannot
believe what happened**

Picture: ALISTAIR HEAP

said: "I had caught him red-handed. It was disgusting - he was with his daughter-in-law who was almost half his age. "I packed his bags and he moved out the next day. We were soon divorced."

But Heather's heartbreak wasn't over. Nine months ago her other son Peter came home and told her he'd seen Sam on a night out in Bridgend.

Heather said: "She was celebrating her hen night because she was getting married to David. I couldn't believe it."

"I phoned the register office and asked them if it was legal for my ex-

husband to marry his former daughter-in-law. I was right - it is illegal and their wedding was stopped."

Now Heather, who lost her family home after the divorce and is disabled after a car crash, is living in a council house with only bitter memories of her former husband and daughter-in-law.

She said: "I took Sam in when she needed a home, and treated her like a daughter. Now she's stolen the man I loved and ruined my life."

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