

GENE WATSON



Who Dat! Gene Watson is the man amidst all the ladies here at the Country Family Reunion taping. Left to right is Jan Howard, Rhonda Vincent, Gene and Jeannie Seely. On the far left you can see a real guitar hero, Mr. Jimmy Capps, tuning up.

Hi Friends -

What a great start to the new year! Cruising with the Grand Ole Opry stars and all those fans was a real treat. I appreciate those of you that were there and wasn't that last show a lot of fun? We also are cruising with Rhonda Vincent and all her bluegrass fans so we'll have stories and photos from that in the next newsletter. Early in January we taped a new Country Family Reunion TV show. I sang "Paper Rosie" which Jim Ed Brown told me was his particular favorite. I also sang what many fans call "You Sure Look Good With Nothing On"! Now you know I couldn't get that song on the radio . That title is "When We Were Down To Nothing (Nothing Sure Looked Good On You.)" --but it gives me a good laugh every time someone gets that one just a little mixed up.

It was a real honor to receive the 'Album of the Year' Award from [The9513 Awards](#). Made me proud that all of you voted and we beat some pretty big names for the win.

Take care, stay warm and I look forward to our next visit with you,



GENE AND B.J. THOMAS

Fellow Texans, Gene Watson and B.J. Thomas took a moment to catch up at the Country Family Reunion taping in Nashville. B.J. talked about Burt Bacharach writing his biggest hit "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" which was featured in the 1969 movie *Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid*.



THREE LEGENDARY PERFORMERS

Need we say more – Three Country Greats!!!
L –R: John Conlee, Charley Pride, Gene Watson



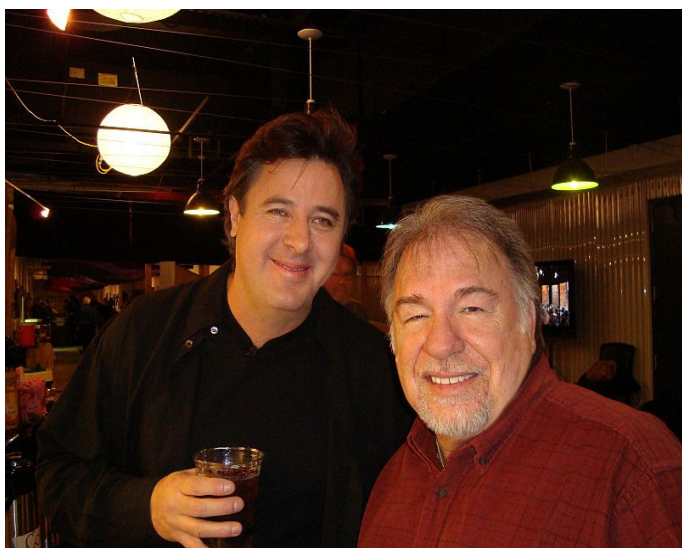
T is for TEXAS, TENNESSEE and TROUBLE

Johnny Lee (right) and Gene have worked a lot of shows together including the famous Gilley's where Johnny Lee got his start. If you've met Johnny Lee, you know he's a fun loving character!



CLOWNING AROUND

Moe Bandy (left) and Gene always enjoy some good natured kidding with each other. It was Moe that convinced Gene to stop wearing the cowboy hat years ago and that's no joke.



SONGWRITER DELUXE

Left: On January 18th, Gene was asked to perform at a special songwriter show taped by the Country Family Reunion producers. They asked Gene to sing "Fourteen Carat Mind" for Dallas Frazier who was unable to attend and of course Gene delivered a stellar performance. One of the great songwriters in attendance was the super talented Vince Gill (left) who sang so beautifully on "Let Me Be The First To Go" from Gene's *In A Perfect World* album.

SEA CRUISE

Right: It was fun, fun, fun on the Grand Ole Opry cruise with so many fans aboard. Ports of call included Isla Roatan (Honduras), Belize City, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. Lots of special Opry activities kept everyone busy including karaoke, one on one meetings with the artists at cocktail parties and meet n' greet gatherings. There was GREAT music of course! Shown here left to right are: Chuck Mead (formerly with BR549), Gene and Jim Ed Brown. These three shared a dining table and told some great stories during the week!





SAY CHEESE

Left: The Opry Cruise band poses with Gene, Jeannie and Jim Ed. From left to right are Back Row: Tommy White, Pedal Steel; Roger Eaton, Guitar; Gene; Jeannie Seely; Jim Ed Brown; Dawn Sears, background vocals; Deanna Johnson, Drums; Kenny Sears, Fiddle; Penn Pennington, bass; and Tim Atwood, piano

This great backing band did a super job on every show and you can see these players the next time you're at the Opry. Dawn Sears works with Vince Gill as well as singing in her own group, the fabulous Time Jumpers.

IT'S REALLY SEELY

Right: Gene and Jeannie Seely are mutual fans and they were glad to take a moment to snap this cute photo aboard the cruise ship. Jeannie won a Grammy in 1966 for her beautiful ballad "Don't Touch Me" which she performed to the appreciative group of Opry cruise fans.






STARS SHINE BRIGHT

Left: All the recording stars aboard the Grand Ole Opry cruise gathered together for one snapshot at the fan cocktail party. You can see that Larry Gatlin here was making them all laugh!

Left to right are: Jim Ed Brown, Jeannie Seely, Chuck Mead, Gene Watson and Larry Gatlin



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FAN SPOTLIGHT ON LEORA WAGNER



Q: Where do you call home?

A: Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania "Country Folks"

Q: Where did you first hear Gene Watson?

A: In concert at Pecque Silver Mine or Rinehold, PA
(Can't remember!) in the summer of 1975 - just after
"Love In The Hot Afternoon" was out.

Q: Single Or Married?

A: Married to husband, Glenn. We just celebrated our
50th Anniversary in December

PHOTO: Left to right: Loxcye Norris of Woodbridge, Canada, Gene and Leora Wagner
Leora says this is the first picture she ever had taken with Gene. Leora was shy but her friend
Loxcye insisted and Gene laughed and pulled her into the photo.

Q: Tell us about your family

A: Glenn and I have four children. 2 girls and 2 boys. We have seven grandchildren, one with the Lord and one very special great-granddaughter, Gracie Alexandra. When our children were young, the entire family would travel to Gene's shows and we did that until they all married. My Mother loved Gene's music and until her death last year at age 86, we would take her with us, traveling throughout Pennsylvania to as many concerts as we could. When our family gets together, we try to all go to at least one show a year with the entire family. We're planning to take our whole family to see Gene in November.

Q: Do you work outside the home?

A: I didn't work while my children were at home but when the last one left, I went to work and I still work with the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association. I've worked there for 20 years and plan to work until they don't want me anymore.

Q: How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended?

A: Hundreds - too many to remember!

Q: Name your Top Five Gene Watson songs:

- A:
1. Baby Me Baby
 2. Anyway You Want Me
 3. Maybe I Should Have Been Listening
 4. Precious Memories
 5. Bad Water

I love the last album (*A Taste of The Truth*)! Also love the very first album Gene recorded; "Eli Funkelby" (Grocery, Gas and Used Cars!). It depends on my mood as to what I like best at a particular moment.

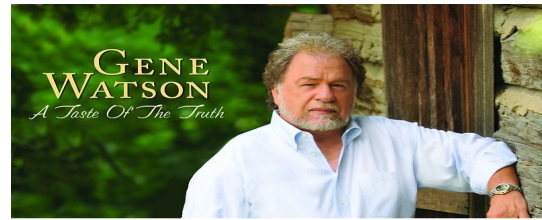
Q: Do you have any special hobbies?

A: Not really. I used to do needlepoint pillows which I gave to Gene and the older Farewell Party Band members but as I got older this hobby went and grandchildren now take most of my time.

**Happy Valentine's
Day
To the Greatest
Fans
in the World!**

Thank you for all your votes making A
TASTE OF THE TRUTH the **ALBUM OF
THE YEAR** at

<http://www.the9513.com/miranda-lambert-wins-artist-song-of-the-year-in-the-9513s-2nd-annual-country-music-awards/>



2010 TOUR DATES

March 20 2010 Ross Country Jamboree : : Scottsburg, IN

March 26 2010 The Turner Center : : Arcadia, FL

March 27 2010 Orange Blossom Opry : : Weirsdale, FL

April 24 2010 Mooney Hollow Barn : : Green Island, IA

April 25 2010 Treasures Casino & Lounge : : Baltic, SD

May 01 2010 Middle Creek Theatre : : Louisburg, KS

May 02 2010 Tri-Lakes Center : : Branson, MO

May 08 2010 Riverwind Casino : : Norman, OK

CONGRATS to contest winner, Alice Bills of Topeka, Kansas who correctly answered that Gene Watson was born in Palestine, Texas. Alice will receive a Gene Watson autographed T Shirt.

If you'd like your chance to win just answer this question (and thanks to Sean Brady for coming up with this one!):

In Gene's Billboard No.1 single "Fourteen Carat Mind", how many 'sawmill dollars' did our protagonist pay for a bracelet?

Email your answer to: Artist@LytleMgmt.com
by March 31, 2010