

Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

"The Singer's Singer"

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Happy Valentine's Day

Dear Friends,

This is our Valentine's edition of the newsletter and we're pleased to have a couple of sweethearts, Jo Ann and Ken Stanley, spotlighted in our fan section.

As I've mentioned on Facebook a few times, I'm working on a new album with producer, Dirk Johnson, and I believe you're going to really like what we're doing. I'll have more details soon for you so stay tuned. We certainly hope to have this out in the next several months.

I was reminded by my office that I need to look through my old photos to find some "before and after" pictures of cars and trucks I've restored. I definitely plan to do that but if you're like me, you have boxes of old photos that will take some time to go through. But it's on my list of things to get to!

Until next time, stay in touch and stay warm!



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Recording A New Album In Nashville, TN



Left: Gene is excited to start singing!



Right: Sonny Garrish, on pedal steel, is setting up while Gene is seen in the isolated vocal recording booth behind him.



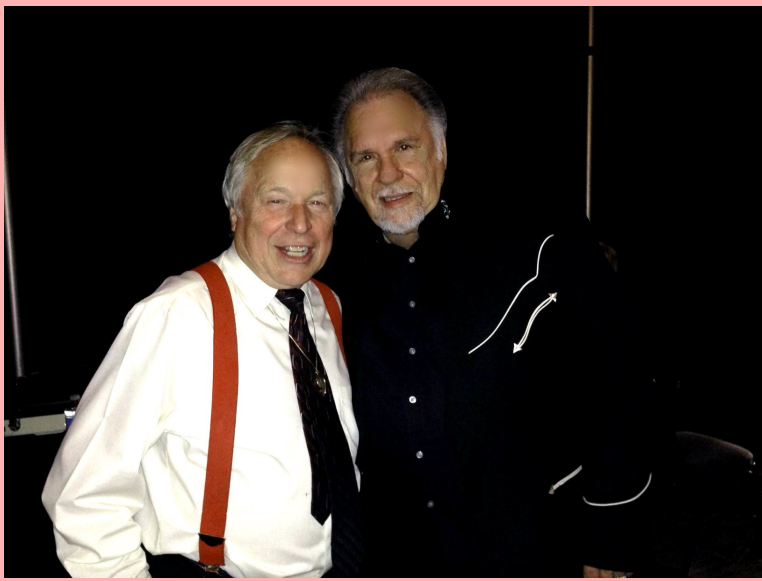
Gene and the musicians, left to right: Kelly Back (acoustic guitar), Robb Tripp (drums), David Smith (bass), Dirk Johnson (piano & producer), Gene, Aubrey Haynie (fiddle), Mike Johnson (pedal steel), James Mitchell (electric guitar). Note: Sonny Garrish and Gregg Galbraith are not pictured here.



Left: Gregg Galbraith is ready to play his electric guitar.



Right: Producer, Dirk Johnson & Gene Watson at work!



After the Bluegrass Festival January 4th in Jekyll Island, GA, Little Roy Lewis & Gene talk about the Little Roy & Lizzie Festival coming up May 2nd in Lincolnton, GA where Gene will be a featured guest.



Farewell Party Band members Chad Phillips, Danny Naccarato, Todd Hines & Chip Bricker gather 'round opening act, 99 year old Cowboy Poet, Carl Sharp. Carl turns 100 years-old in May and is still traveling the country sharing his fanciful stories & poems to delighted audiences everywhere!

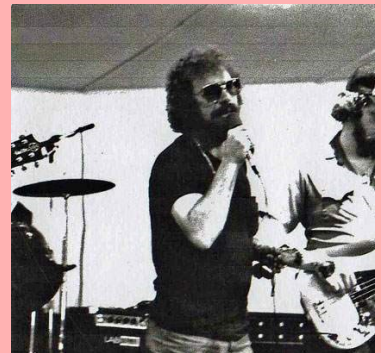


Gene poses backstage with Rhonda Vincent at the Jekyll Island Bluegrass Festival.



Gene Appreciates Fine Art From His Fans

At the November show in Federalsburg, MD, Gene was presented with a beautifully hand carved wooden helicopter which represented a show seen in the 1980s at Sunset Park in West Grove, PA. That was the fateful day when, due to such bad traffic, Gene was forced to fly to the show on a helicopter. He literally got on the ground and had to jump on-stage wearing cut off denim shorts and a T-shirt.



A Special Christmas Gift for Danny Naccarato!

Danny Naccarato: "My son Danny Jr surprised me with 2 45's, "Farewell Party" & "Old Man & His Horn". Somehow, he snuck on the bus when I wasn't looking and got Gene to sign them. He scored them on EBay, then had them framed. Way cool Christmas present."

Deep In The Heart Of (Pharr) Texas, The Stars Were Bright!

Gene Watson, Moe Bandy, and TG Sheppard!



Good friends, Moe Bandy, Gene Watson and TG Sheppard stop for a quick pose at the autograph table at the Pharr Events Center.



The audience is mesmerized by Gene and the Farewell Party Band onstage at the Pharr Event Center.



When Gene launches into his signature song "Farewell Party" you can hear a pin drop!



When not on tour with Gene Watson and the Farewell Party Band, drummer Todd Hines works at Rockin L Music owned by Karl and Glenna Louis. Returning from a tour date, Todd walked in to work and saw a set of Pearl Masters drums, newly arrived, on display. When Todd remarked on what a nice set they were, Karl said "They are for you".

From Todd to Karl & Glenna: "Thank you for being such great bosses and great friends!"



Fun loving Moe Bandy keeps the audience entertained with his quick wit & chart topping hits!



TG wows the ladies as he wanders into the crowd singing "Party Time"!



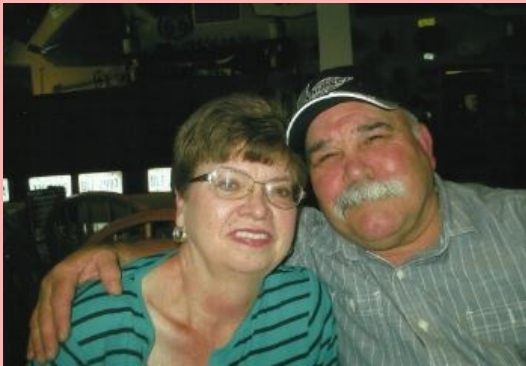
MEET KEN & JO ANN STANLEY

FAN PROFILE



How did you meet and where do you live?

Ken was born in Gorman, TX in 1948 and moved with his family to Fort Worth when he was three years old. Jo Ann was born and raised in Fort Worth, TX. Our families moved into the same neighborhood when we were 4 and 5 years old - beginning a lifetime friendship although we did not start to date until the last years of High School. We were married in 1969 and lived in Fort Worth until 1999 when we moved to Decatur, Tx.



Tell us a bit about where you work:

We are both retired now - Ken worked for J. C. Penney's for 37 years and Jo Ann had a 29 year career with the GSA, an agency of the Federal Government as a contracting officer.

Tell us about your family:

We do not have children although we have been God-parents to several children of our friends and claim them as our own. We also have two very special dogs - Mandy and Chico.

What are your Top 5 Gene Watson songs?

Farewell Party, Got No Reason Now for Going Home, The Old Man and His Horn, Before the Hammer Could Ring, and Paper Rosie. Currently our very favorite Gene album is Best of the Best 25 Greatest Hits - and it truly is the Best of the Best!

Do you have hobbies?

Our hobbies primarily include travel and music - even though Ken has never been officially involved in the music business, he is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to traditional Country Music. As we travel across the country, we attend traditional country music concerts as well as attending Bluegrass Festivals. We have attended several festivals that included Gene and Rhonda Vincent.

When did you first hear of Gene Watson?

We think that our very first time to see and hear Gene was at a WBAP Country Gold Fan Appreciation Party in Fort Worth in the early 70's. Our first album (and by the way, we now own every album, cassette, and CD that Gene has produced) was Love in The Hot Afternoon - purchased in 1975.

How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended?

Through the years we have attended many Gene Watson concerts. Gene is not only the world's best traditional country music singer but also the greatest entertainer in a live concert format. We always take the opportunity to visit with Gene at a concert because he is always so gracious to his fans and friends. Our most recent concert with Gene was in Branson with the cast from Larry's Country Diner.

Anything else you would like to mention as a Gene Watson fan?

We are looking forward to an Alaskan cruise with Gene in July along with the cast of Larry's Country Diner and another visit to see Gene in Branson at the Starlite Theatre with Larry!

2014 TOUR SCHEDULE

Tour Schedule Updated Regularly at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com!



Date	Venue	City, State
February 14th	The Don Gibson Theater	Shelby, NC
February 15th	Lenoir Community College (with Rhonda Vincent)	Kinston, NC
February 16th	Holly Springs Cultural Center	Holly Springs, NC
February 21st	Mill Town Music Hall (with Rhonda Vincent)	Bremen, GA
February 22nd	Rodeheaver Boys Ranch (with Rhonda Vincent)	Palatka, FL
February 23rd-March 2nd	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	Caribbean
March 7th	The Lumberyard	Roscoe, TX
March 8th	Arlington Music Hall (with Jeannie Seely)	Arlington, TX
March 14th	Hartselle High School Theater (with Rhonda Vincent)	Hartselle, AL
March 15th	Farmer's Opry	Pace, FL
March 22nd	Ross Country Opry	New Washington, IN
April 12th	Bowling Green High School	Bowling Green, MO
April 13th	Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center	Chillicothe, MO
April 19th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
April 25th	Davis Theater For The Performing Arts	Montgomery, AL
May 2nd	Little Roy & Lizzy Bluegrass Festival	Lincolnton, GA
May 7th	Starlite Theater—Larry's Country Diner Show	Branson, MO
May 26th	Diamond B Auction Barn	West Monroe, LA
June 13th	KickNUpKountry Festival	Karlstad, MN
June 14th	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, MN
June 28th	Summersville Music Park (with Rhonda Vincent)	Summersville, WV
July 5th	Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
July 12th	Sagebrush Roundup at WV Country Music HOF	Fairmont, WV
July 13th	American Music Theater (with Mickey Gilley)	Lancaster, PA
July 19th - July 26th	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	Alaska
August 2nd	Stagecoach Ballroom	Fort Worth, TX

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August 8th	Olympia High School	Stanford, IL
August 9th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
August 14th	Tom Johnson's Camping Center	Marion, NC
August 15th	Hawkinsville Opera House	Hawkinsville, GA
August 16th	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
September 20th	Daily Vincent Land Festival	Denton, NC
September 23rd	Red River Valley Fair	Paris, TX
September 24th	Starlite Theater—Larry's Country Diner show	Branson, MO
September 27th	Renfro Valley—Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, KY
September 30th	Raleigh Memorial Auditorium	Raleigh, NC
October 11th	Dublin Theater	Dublin, GA
October 12th	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
October 13th	Georgia Mtn Fair	Hiawassee, GA
October 17th	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, TX
October 18th	Truman Lake Opry	Tightwad, MO
October 25th	Bowie Community Center	Bowie, TX
November 2nd	Winspear Center	Edmonton, AB, Canada
November 29th	Bluegrass Festival	Myrtle Beach, SC

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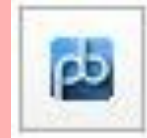
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TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!



This Gene Watson tee shirt & others available online from the Store section of the official Gene Watson website!

Congratulations to Robert Wright of Mishawaka, Indiana who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question:

What was the name of the first duet recorded by Gene Watson and Rhonda Vincent?

The answer:

"Together Again" - on the Gene Watson album "In A Perfect World".

The next Trivia Contest question: For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to:

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