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“Farewell Party”

Dear Friends -

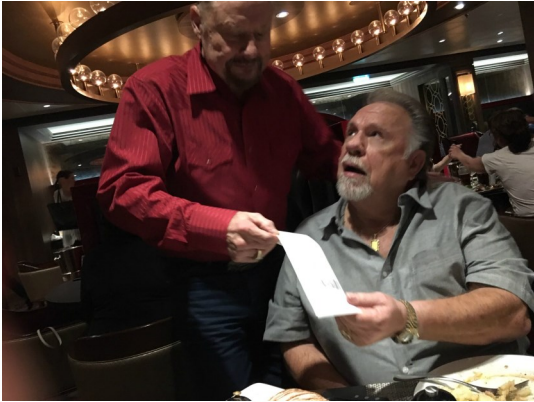
Thank you for helping me celebrate the 40th Anniversary of my most requested song, “Farewell Party.” I’ve told this story over the years but I first heard the song by Waylon Jennings who recorded it in a march time and I wanted to do it in my style. At a session at Jack Clements studio in Nashville, we had 15 minutes left and I suggested this song. None of the musicians knew it so I got down on one knee with a guitar and the musicians and background vocalists huddled around me. While I sang and played, they made their charts. Knowing we were short on time, I went to the recording booth and started to sing before we’d even decided on the finish. When I hit the last note, everyone just went with it too. What you hear on the record was all done in one take, including the background vocalists. No overdubs, no re-doing anything. The song went on to be a big hit for me, thanks to you!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Gene".



Gene and Mark Chesnutt are old friends, both from Texas. Here Mark is showing Gene one of his favorite guitars. Gene is an avid guitar collector himself.

Cruisin' The Caribbean - 2019



Always the jokester, Moe Bandy tells Gene he signed Gene's name to the dinner check and added a very hefty tip!



Moe and Springer Mountain Farms' "Chicken Man", Gus Arrendale posed for this photo after dinner.



Gene and Moe seated together during the autograph sessions is asking for trouble but for the moment, Gene is all smiles.



It's the cruise show finale. Shown L to R are: Larry Black, Wilson Fairchild, Gene, Moe Bandy, Billy Dean, Mark Wills, Rhonda Vincent, The Malpass Brothers, T. Graham Brown, Tony Jackson, Leona Williams and Keith Bilbrey.



Gene Watson hits all the right notes for his #1 hit, "Fourteen Carat Mind".

MEET SEAN BRADY!

My wife, Lisa, and I reside in Oldcastle in County Meath, Ireland, some 50 miles from Dublin, Ireland's capitol city, although I'm originally from Kilnaleck in County Cavan. Lisa and I have been married since August, 1991, and have one daughter, Claire, and three grandchildren: Rebekah, Emilia, and Daniela. Our son Daniel passed away in 2011 at age 27.

I am now retired, sidelined slightly by a diagnosis of MS, but I used to host radio shows on radio in Ireland between 1983 and 1996, playing mostly country music. In the radio years between 1992 and 1996, I hosted a five-hour show, five days a week, and featured 2 tracks from Gene Watson each day.

My Top 10 Favourite Gene Watson songs are the following (this has been such a difficult task!): 'Hey, Louella', 'Hey, Barnum & Bailey', 'Circle Driveway', 'I'm Telling Me A Lie', 'The Look In Baby's Eyes', 'Full Time Fool', 'From Cotton To Satin', 'In Love All Alone', 'You're Out Doing What I'm Here Doing Without', and 'This Circus That We Call A Rodeo'.

My hobbies include reading (mostly 'Country Music People'), radio and maintaining Gene Watson's Fan Site.

I first heard Gene Watson in 1992 when I discovered the album 'In Other Words' (Broadland International Records / Mercury Canada, 1992), which I feel is a 'concept' album, detailing a man's journey through life. I have attended a number of Gene's concerts, when he toured in Ireland, where I have had the pleasure of meeting the great man. I would like Gene to record an album of Christmas material, along with an album of Merle Haggard songs, and a new album containing more original songs.

I'd love to have Gene record with a number of artists, particularly Teea Goans, Moe Bandy, Lee Ann Womack, Clint Black, Anita Stapleton, Mark Chesnutt, Connie Smith, T. Graham Brown, Patty Loveless, Dale Watson, Kathy Mattea, Eddy Raven, Leona Williams, Carl Jackson, Sunny Sweeney, Radney Foster, Alecia Nugent, Mo Pitney, Tanya Tucker, Josh Turner, Matraca Berg, Larry Gatlin, Suzy Bogguss, Tim Menzies, Myra Rolan, Clinton Gregory and Alison Krauss. I'd love to hear Gene's recording of 'Sad Songs & Waltzes', 'Legend & The Man', 'Wonder Where You're Crazy Tonight', and 'I'll Go To A Stranger'.

I do have a number of favourite Gene Watson albums, which I regard as perfect in every way (performance, musicianship and song selection): 'Heartaches, Love & Stuff' (MCA Records, 1994), 'Back In The Fire' (Warner Bros. Records, 1988), 'Memories To Burn' (Epic Records, 1985), 'Starting New Memories' (Epic Records, 1986), 'Honky Tonk Crazy' (Epic Records, 1987), 'In Other Words' (Broadland International Records / Mercury Canada, 1992), 'Uncharted Mind' (Step One Records, 1993), 'From The Heart' (RMG Records, 2001), 'Gene Watson...Sings' (Intersound Records, 2003), 'A Taste of The Truth' (Shanachie Records, 2009), 'Your Money & My Good Looks' (Upper Management Music, 2011) (with Rhonda Vincent)'.

I instigated Gene Watson's Fan Site in September 2004 because Gene did not, at the time, have an online presence. I enjoy working on all aspects of the Fan Site, and particularly love the 'Peers' Quotes' section, where I have obtained kind words about Gene. I cannot select a favourite quote or quotes; they are like your children, in that you love them all!



"I wish to thank Sean Brady for all his hard work on my behalf.

As I've said before, Sean had the Gene Watson Fan Site up and running before I knew anything about being on the internet.

Sean is a great fan and now has become a good friend and I thank him for all he has done for me over the years." - Gene





2019 Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	City, State
March 1st	Sumter Opera House	Sumter, South Carolina
March 2nd & 3rd	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
March 6th	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, Florida
March 8th	Walhalla Performing Arts Center	Walhalla, South Carolina
March 10th	Siesta Bay RV Resort	Ft. Myers, Florida
March 15th & 16th	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, Indiana
March 29th	Coleman Theater	Miami, Oklahoma
March 30th	Windstone Entertainment Center	Jefferson City, Missouri
April 5th	Nelson's Music City	Knoblick, Missouri
April 6th	Epic Center	Jonesboro, Arkansas
April 11th	OPRY COUNTRY CLASSICS (Ryman Auditorium)	Nashville, Tennessee
April 12th	GRAND OLE OPRY (Opry House)	Nashville, Tennessee
April 13th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, Kentucky
April 20th	Paradise Theater at Margaritaville Casino	Bossier City, Louisiana
April 27th	The Concho Palace	San Angelo, Texas
May 3rd	Elijah Clark State Park	Lincolnton, Georgia
May 4th	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, Ohio
May 9th	Palace Theater	Corsicana, Texas
May 10th	Waco Hippodrome	Waco, Texas
May 11th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
May 25th	Music City Texas Theater	Linden, Texas
May 31st	U of Georgia—Tifton Campus Conference Center	Tifton, Georgia
June 13th	Birdsong Amphitheater, City Park	Stephenville, Texas
June 15th	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, Oklahoma
June 21st	Grand Event Center at Golden Nugget Casino	Lake Charles, Louisiana
June 22nd	IP Casino & Resort	Biloxi, Mississippi
June 28th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas

2019 TOUR SCHEDULE—con't.

Date	Venue	City, State
July 4th	Willie Nelson's Picnic	Del Valle, Texas
July 21st	American Music Theater	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 26th	Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview, Texas
July 27th	Stagecoach Ballroom	Fort Worth, Texas
August 2nd	Carl Perkins Theater Civic Center	Jackson, Tennessee
August 15th	Tom Johnson Campground	Marion, North Carolina
August 17th	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, North Carolina
August 24th	Redneck Country Club	Stafford, Texas
September 20th	Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center	Midland, Texas
September 23rd	Clay Cooper Theater	Branson, Missouri
September 26th	Red River Valley Fair-Main Stage	Paris, Texas
September 27th	Titus County Fair	Mt. Pleasant, Texas
October 12th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
October 18th	The Mansion Theater	Branson, Missouri
October 25th & 26th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
October 30th	Yorktown Western Days	Yorktown, Texas
November 2nd	Lebanon High School Gym	Lebanon, Virginia
November 8th	The Mansion Theater	Branson, Missouri
November 15th	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
November 23rd	New Granbury Live!	Granbury, Texas

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Kay Flowers of Jackson, TN, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question : Name a Christmas song Gene Watson recorded. The answer: "Silver Bells" or "Pretty Paper". For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the trivia question sent to Fan Club Members only and send the correct answer to: GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com.

If you are reading this and not a registered member of Gene Watson's Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!



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Musician Credits:

Rhythm Guitar and Lead Guitar: Harold Bradley; Steel Guitar: Lloyd Green; Piano: Hargus 'Pig' Robbins; Drums: Kenneth Malone; Rhythm and Acoustic Guitar: Dave Kirby (1938 - 2004); Bass: Joe Allen; Electric Guitar: Dale Sellers; Fiddle: Buddy Spicher; Background Vocals: 'The Nashville Edition': Hurshel Wayne Wiginton (1938 - 2017), Wendelyn Suits, Joseph Babcock and Dolores Edgin.