

Gene Watson Fan Club Newsletter

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Hi Friends -

It has been a very busy year so far which you'll see with all the photos included here from the cruise, the Legends Lunch and more. In the middle of all that, I've been recording my Gospel album which I hope we can get released in late spring or early summer of this year.

Speaking of that, I was delighted to get the news that my Gospel single, "Help Me" reached #1 on the Gospel Country charts. I had the pleasure of singing this one for the "Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting" which aired on RFD-TV and I had the most expensive backup vocalists ever – Larry, Steve and Rudy Gatlin! How nice was that? You probably know "Help Me" was written by Larry Gatlin. He has a beautiful rendition of it, then some ol' guy named Elvis recorded it and Larry went out and bought a new house.

I did mention this on Facebook but wanted to let you also know here that I've set up a new channel for my fans with the folks at [SupaPass](https://www.supapass.com/genewatson) . When you subscribe at <https://www.supapass.com/genewatson>, as my special VIP you will be able to stream my music online and offline on your phone app, and I'll add more songs over time. There are exclusive photos and videos, too, and you'll be able to get messages from me that I will only deliver to you on SupaPass. Thanks for checking into it!

I have an update on our Gene & Moe TV show! Our show will air each Friday in the month of May on RFD-TV at 7:30PM Central. There will be re-runs over the weekend but you'll have to check local listings for those times. We'll then shoot some more episodes later on. Here's the logo that we think will be the final – do you like it? I think it's perfect with the horns coming out of Moe's head as they are in real life.

See you on the road,



Cruisin' The Caribbean - CFR Cruise 2017!



Daryle Singletary & Gene Watson! Both are solid country to the core. Take a listen to Daryle's biggest hit "I Let Her Lie".



Gene strikes a casual pose as he rehearses with the band on the cruise.



Boot Scootin' Boogie! Randy Little, aka "Boot Daddy", snapped this picture with Gene during the autograph session.



Legends! LeRoy Van Dyke, here backstage with Gene, rose to fame with his 1956 super hit "The Auctioneer" which sold over 2.5 million copies. Later his single, "Walk On By", which charted for 42 weeks, was named Billboard magazine's #1 Single of ALL time!

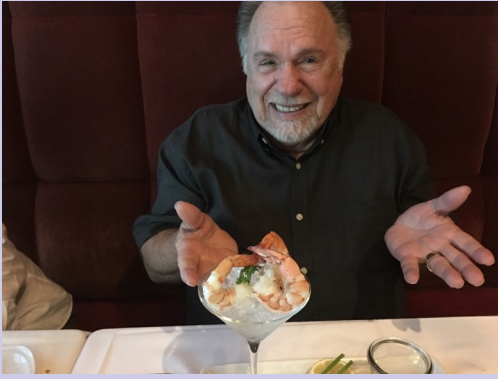


Three Amigos! After their show on the cruise, Gene enjoyed chatting with Mark Wills and Chris Malpass of the Malpass Bros. Chris enjoyed talking with Gene about his love for old cars.



The Real Thing! Johnny Counterfit (left) has made a career of imitating celebrities, especially Country Music stars. He wowed the cruise audience with his impressions of George Jones, Johnny Cash, and more.

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Shrimp Fest! Gene couldn't resist the delicious shrimp cocktail offered at dinner nearly every night aboard the cruise.



Together Again! Rhonda Vincent and Gene enjoying meeting fans from all over the world at the cruise autograph session.



Chicken Wings! A great sponsor & friend of Country Music, Gus Arrendale, CEO of Springer Mountain Farms, hosted a party onboard the ship. Gene (back turned) is at the piano with his producer, Dirk Johnson, to sing a few songs. A big thank you to Gus for all he does.



All the artists gathered for this quick photo before the autograph session began. Left to right: LeRoy Van Dyke, Chris Malpass, Rhonda Vincent, Daryle Singletary, Jeannie Seely, Johnny Counterfit, Jimmy Capps (The Sheriff), Bill Anderson, Mark Wills, Keith Bilbrey, Teea Goins, Taylor Malpass, Nadine, Renee the Waitress. Seated: Larry Black, Gene Watson, and Michele Capps.

Legends Lunch in Nashville!



Front row L-R: Gene Watson, Wanda Jackson, Brenda Lee, Tanya Tucker, WSM's Bill Cody, Jeannie Seely, Donna Fargo, Jana Jae, Sylvia Second row L-R: Larry Black, Lorrie Morgan, Moe Bandy, Janie Fricke, Razy Bailey, Crystal Gayle, TG Sheppard, Bobby Bare Third row L-R: Mark Wills, Bill Anderson, Webster PR's Kirt Webster, CMA's Sarah Trahern, Dave & Sugar's Dave Rowland, Roy Clark, Kathie Baillie, David Frizzell, Johnny Lee, Tracy Lawrence, Darrin Vincent Fourth row L-R: T. Graham Brown, Ronnie McDowell, Tim Rushlow, Wilson Fairchild's Langdon Reid and Wil Reid, Jamie Dailey, Lee Greenwood, Michael Bonagura, Forester Sisters' Christy Forester, Kim Forester, June Forester, Kathy Forester Fifth row L-R: Bellamy Brothers Howard & David, John Conlee, Jennifer McCarter, KY Headhunters Richard Young and John Michael Montgomery Back row L-R: Exile's Steve Goetzman, Sonny LeMaire, Marlon Hargis, Oak Ridge Boys Joe Bonsall, Richard Sterban, William Lee Golden, Duane Allen



Walking the Red Carpet! Gene and the other celebs were interviewed by more than a dozen media outlets before the 3rd Annual Legends Lunch in Nashville, hosted by Webster PR and the Country Music Association.



Why did the chicken cross the road? We're not sure if that was the actual joke Tanya Tucker was telling Gene but she certainly got him laughing before the group gathered to take their annual photo.

Fan Spotlight on Bev Leach

Where do you live? I have lived in Carlinville, IL for the past 60 years. First, in the country as a farm wife and mother of 4 children. I've been a widow for 9 years, now living in town.

What type of work have you done over the years? When the children were grown, I began working as a parts clerk for a John Deere dealership. After 13 years there, I went to work as an Administrative Coordinator for the Macoupin County Soil & Water Conservation Department, retiring in 2004.

Tell us about your family? I was married 52 years to a farmer and I'm a mother of 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

What are your Top Five favorite Gene Watson songs? Between This Time & The Next Time", "This Dream's On Me", "Jesus Is All I Need", "Farewell Party" and "I Don't Need A Thing At All".

What are your hobbies? I enjoy spending time with my family and used to enjoy bowling. I was unable to travel much as a farm wife but in my later years I now travel every chance I get. I'm an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and attend as many games as possible. My latest venture was the Country's Family Reunion Cruise on Royal Caribbean where I was able to see Gene on several occasions and hear him sing some of my "favorites." We had just arrived on board and making our way around the ship when much to my surprise, there sat Gene. We stopped and said "hi" and just knew then it was going to be a



Gene admires Bev Leach's tee shirt on the cruise.



Bev Leach and Gary March with Gene Watson at the Starlite Theatre in Branson in October, 2016.

fun time!

Where or when did you first hear about Gene Watson? I first saw Gene at a small theatre in Taylorville, IL called Nashville North. Probably late 70s or early 80s and we saw him more than once. Since then I've seen him in Branson at the Starlite Theatre several times. The number of concerts attended is approximately 10.

Do you have on favorite Gene Watson album? If I had a favorite, it would be "Best of the Best, 25 Greatest Hits".

2017 Tour Schedule

March 17th & 18th	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, Indiana
March 25th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
April 8th	Dothan Civic Center (w/Johnny Lee & TG Sheppard)	Dothan, Alabama
April 19th & 20th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, Missouri
April 21st	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, Tennessee
April 22nd	Renfro Valley Ent. Center	Renfro Valley, Kentucky
April 29th	Three Rivers Ballroom	Quanah, Texas
May 3rd	Starlite Theatre (w/Larry's Country Diner)	Branson, Missouri
May 6th	Civic Center	Truth or Consequences, NM
May 13th	Golden Nugget (w/Jo-El Sonnier)	Lake Charles, Louisiana
May 19th	W. Texas College Coliseum (w/Eddy Raven)	Snyder, Texas
May 26th	Wiregrass Animal Kingdom	Enterprise, Alabama
May 27th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, TN
June 2nd	Marion Civic Center	Marion, Illinois
June 3rd	Hank Williams, Sr Festival	Georgiana, Alabama
June 9th	Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, North Carolina
July 1st	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, Texas
July 14th	Montgomery PAC (w/Bill Anderson)	Montgomery, Alabama
July 15th	Milltown Music Hall	Bremen, Georgia
July 29th	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, Texas
August 17th	Bluegrass Festival	Marion, North Carolina
August 19th	Red Barn	Winchester, Ohio

August 26th	Stryker Marina	Reklaw, Texas
September 1st & 2nd	Bluegate Theater	Shipshewana, Indiana
September 16th & 17th	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, Minnesota
September 20th	Starlite Theatre (w/Larry's Country Diner)	Branson, Missouri
October 6th & 7th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
October 10th	County Fair	Cumming, Georgia
October 12th & 13th	Starlite Theatre	Branson, Missouri
October 14th	Palace Theater	Corsicana, Texas
October 20th	Riverwind Casino	Norman, Oklahoma
October 21st	Nelson's Music City	Knob Lick, Missouri
October 22nd	Winstar Casino	Thackerville, Oklahoma
October 27th	Anderson Civic Center	Anderson, South Carolina
November 1st & 2nd	Starlite Theatre	Branson, Missouri
November 4th	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, Texas
November 12th	Buffalo Run Casino	Miami, Oklahoma
November 17th	Penn's Peak	Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
November 18th	Harvester PAC	Rocky Mt., Virginia

TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Liz Petty of Landrum, SC who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question:
 What was the name of the Christmas song recorded together by George Jones and Gene Watson?

The answer is "Silver Bells". The next trivia 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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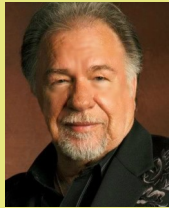
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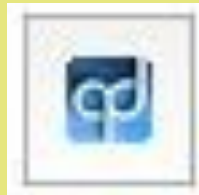
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