



GENE WATSON NEWS



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Hi Friends - Thank you for helping us have another fantastic summer tour. We've enjoyed seeing you all over the world from Canada and Norway to Montana, Minnesota and Nevada. We've enjoyed our time with all of you and I just wanted to thank you for continuing to come to the shows.

The office wanted me to mention here that we'll do another Questions & Answer session in the next couple of months so they want you to send your questions here <http://genewatsonfans.proboards.com> and then I'll be glad to answer them. We'll post them up on my YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/GeneWatsonVideos> and we'll let you know when it's up.

I do get asked sometimes about what's the funniest thing a fan will say to me and I guess one of the most interesting that has happened more than once is a fan will ask "What's your full name?" Of course I answer truthfully, Gary Gene Watson. Then they say "No, that's not it". Folks, I may not be the brightest bulb out there but I do know my own name. I love all my fans, no matter if they think my name is Marion "Moe" Bandy. And I've had that said to me too. ☺ So I'm going to answer your questions but only as Gary Gene Watson would respond.

You guys keep me going night after night and I really do appreciate what a wonderful bunch of folks you are. I think our classic country lovin' fans are just the nuts and bolts of what's right in this world.

Come out and see us soon,



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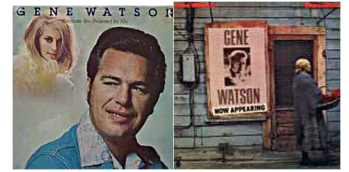
Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band in Flora, MS



Gene Watson & the Farewell Party Band were honored to perform at the birthday party for David Nutt, a surprise gift from his wife Kristie. The event even gave Gene, the band, and Donnie some time to relax and have a little fun.



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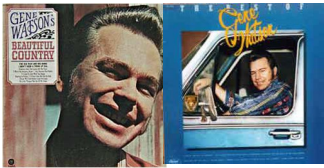


Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band in Breim, Norway!



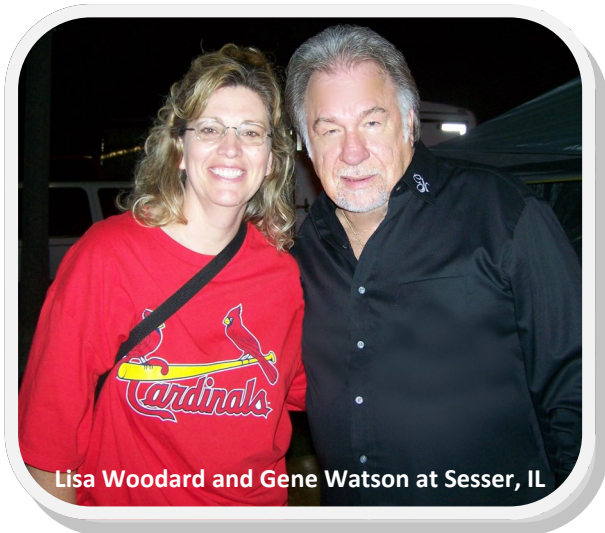
Appearing at the North Country Treff in Breim, Norway was a wonderful experience for Gene Watson and the Farewell Party Band. From the majestic scenery to the clowning around of bus driver 'Sven' and bass player Staley Rogers, everyone had a great time!



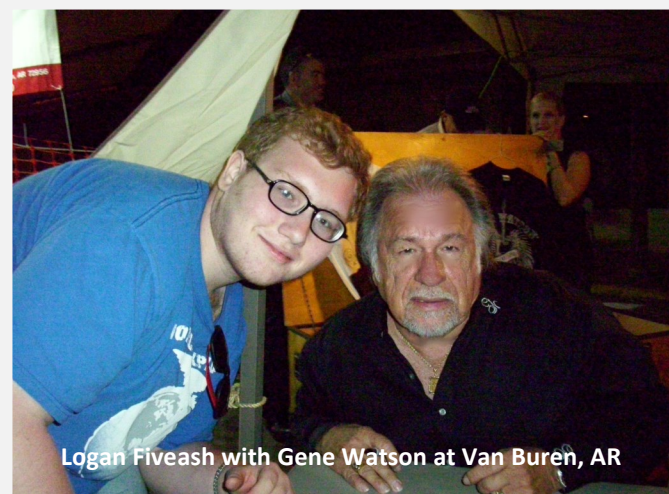


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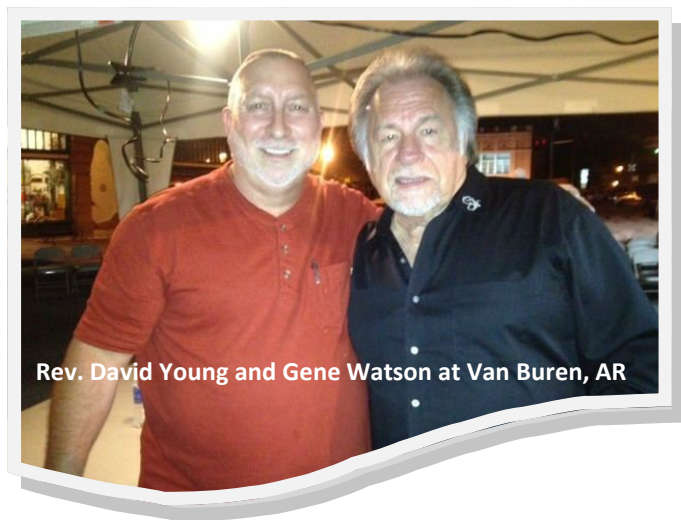
Fan Photos!



Lisa Woodard and Gene Watson at Sesser, IL



Logan Fiveash with Gene Watson at Van Buren, AR



Rev. David Young and Gene Watson at Van Buren, AR



Brenda Bailey with Gene Watson at Belleville, ON



Sherry Whitaker, Gene Watson, and David Whitaker (Sherry's son) at Chattanooga, TN



Staley Rogers of the Farewell Party Band received his own rug with his initials from Ken & Donna Westmoreland at the Hiawassee, Georgia shows!

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Fan Spotlight on Finn Johansen from Norway!

Where do you live? I live in Jessheim, Norway. I have been here since 1965. Jessheim is located 45 kilometers North of Oslo, the capital of Norway. The number of inhabitants in Jessheim is about 20,000 so it is a small town.

What is your occupation? I am now retired. I was in the merchant marines for 13 years – since I was 15 years old, and I traveled all over the world. After that I settled down and built a house in Jessheim and started working for a mechanical company for the next 30 years. Then the last 10 years before retirement, I worked in the community services in my county.

Tell us about your family, please? I have been married to my wife, Bjørg for 52 years. I have 3 kids, 5 grand kids and 5 great grand kids.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies are fitness training and traveling. I am training (go to a fitness center to lift weights, etc with a personal trainer) two times a week for approximately 4 hours together with my wife. We also like to travel to different countries several times a year.

How many Gene Watson concerts have you attended? I have never been to a Gene Watson show before Breim. We traveled about 500 kilometers to watch Gene in Breim. I was luckily one of the audience members who got to meet and talk to Gene before the concert, where I was able to give him a gift, a book about Norway. It was great to meet him and the show was very good. I really enjoyed it, and it was worth the 1000 kilometers trip. Let's hope it is not the last time I can watch a Gene Watson show.

What are your Top 5 Gene Watson songs? “Before the Hammer Could Ring”, “Climb Higher”, “Getting Over You Again”, “Take Me as I Am or Let Me Go”, and “Farewell Party”.

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

Country music is very popular in Norway. In summertime there is 3 big country music festivals in Norway. All of them placed in the countryside.

In Norway there is only one country channel – P4 Country. I have an internet radio where I can tune into many country music channels in the USA. At the time I listen much to Nashville Classic.



Finn & Bjørg Johansen with Gene Watson at the North Country Treff at Breim, Norway.



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Gene Watson Selected To The Inaugural Class for the Houston Press

Music Hall of Fame!

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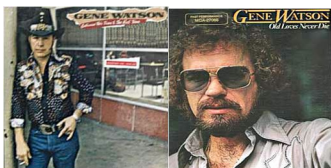
Working in a Houston body shop by day and singing in honky-tonks at night, Gene Watson became an overnight country-music sensation in 1975. After a decade of independent releases, Capitol Records picked up his independently recorded album *Love in the Hot Afternoon*, its title track a sultry R-rated ballad that quickly went to No. 3 on the Billboard Hot Country Singles chart. With its bluesy bow to New Orleans, there had never been a country music hit that sounded like it. Women swooned and men were glad they did.

But not only was Watson on fire, Houston itself was the epicenter of live country music during this period, with a dozen clubs that could hold more than 1,000 boot-scooters apiece. With heavy support from Houston radio stations, Watson reeled off a string of singular late-'70s and early-'80s hits — "Paper Rosie," "Where Love Begins," "Should I Go Home (or Should I Go Crazy)," "Nothing Sure Looked Good on You" and signature song "Farewell Party" — that kept him constantly on the country charts. All told, he's sent six songs to No. 1 and 23 into the Top 10 among his 75 charting singles. His "Fourteen Carat Mind" remains a must-play standard for hundreds of cover bands.

In spite of all his success, Watson never moved to Nashville. As he approaches 70, he prefers to reside in Humble, where he owns a body shop. His vocal prowess is intact, as evidenced by his stellar 2009 album *A Taste of the Truth* and his 2011 duets album with Rhonda Vincent, *Your Money and My Good Looks*. Watson remains as active as ever, playing everything from county fairs in North Dakota to country-music festivals in Ireland, where he is a huge draw.

With the recent passing of George Jones, it is actually possible to say — with no disrespect to Ray Price, Willie Nelson or Johnny Bush — that Watson, known in the industry as "The Singer's Singer," is now the greatest pure vocalist left among working, Auto-Tune-free country singers.





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August 2nd	John M. Bliss VFW Post #628	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 3rd	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, Minnesota
August 4th	Northern Lights Casino	Walker, Minnesota
August 9th & 10th	Cactus Petes Casino	Jackpot, Nevada
August 13th	Sportsman's Backyard	Lake City, Colorado
August 16th	Delcambre Shimp Festival	Delcambre, Louisiana
August 17th	Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame - Civic Center	Carthage, Texas
August 31st	Johnnie's Steaks & BBQ	Salado, Texas
September 6th	Boulder Station Casino—Railhead	Las Vegas, Nevada
September 13th	Bedford North Lawrence Performing Arts Center	Bedford, Indiana
September 14th	Fall Festival (Free Concert)	McLeansboro, Illinois
September 18th	Washington County Fair	Brenham, Texas
September 20th	Cullman County Fair	Cullman, Alabama
September 24th—26th	Starlite Theater (Larry's Country Diner Show)	Branson, Missouri
September 27th	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center-New Barn	Renfro Valley, Kentucky
September 28th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, Kentucky
September 29th	Will Rogers Memorial Center	Ft. Worth, Texas
October 4th	Garner Performing Arts Center	Garner, North Carolina
October 5th	Tar Heel Variety Theater	Chocowinity, North Carolina
October 10th	Butlins Resort	Skegness, England, UK
October 11th	The Circus Tavern	Purfleet, Essex, England, UK
October 12th	Leeds Irish Centre	Leeds, England, UK



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October 14th	Allingham Arms Hotel	Bundoran, Co. Donegal, Ireland
October 15th	Armagh City Hotel	Armagh, Co. Armagh, Ireland
October 18th	Lovelady Old Gymnasium	Lovelady, Texas
November 7th	Nelson's Music City	Knob Lick, Missouri
November 8th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
November 23rd	A Curtis Andrew Auction Barn	Federalsburg, Maryland
December 6th	Bowling Green High School	Bowling Green, Missouri
December 8th	Chillicothe High School	Chillicothe, Missouri

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February 23rd - March 2nd Larry's Country Diner/Country's Family Reunion Cruise Cape Caniveral, Florida

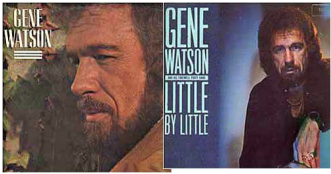
The View From The Stage by the Farewell Party Band



Georgia Mountain Fair - Hiawassee, Georgia



Breim, Norway at midnight



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Trivia Contest Winner!

Congratulations to **Peggy Johnson** of **Florida** who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: On which Gene Watson album does Gene Watson's most requested and signature song, "Farewell Party" first appear? The answer:



"Reflections". The next Trivia Contest question: For your chance to win an auto-graphed tee shirt, just answer the 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 the Gene Watson Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club Members get the Trivia Contest Question!