

# GENE WATSON

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Dear Friends:

It's an exciting time as we are officially releasing the new album, *My Heroes Have Always Been Country*, on Tuesday, June 10th! I appreciate all the good comments I've received from those of you that have already received your copy via the pre-sale. On June 10th, the music will be sold online at iTunes, Amazon, catalogs and some stores as well as my online store at [www.GeneWatsonMusic.com](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com). I've always wanted to record some of my favorite classic songs - songs that really made me who I am today. So this is it and I hope you like it as much as I do.

Our tour schedule is full this summer, including a cruise to Alaska! Wherever you are, I hope you'll come along too as it's always a pleasure seeing our longtime fans in the audience. The band and I always appreciate that.

All the best,

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*"A new album from Gene Watson is always cause for celebration, and 'My Heroes Have Always Been Country' is no exception to the rule"*

*Paul W. Dennis for Blog*

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**"Sometimes we have entirely too much fun!"**

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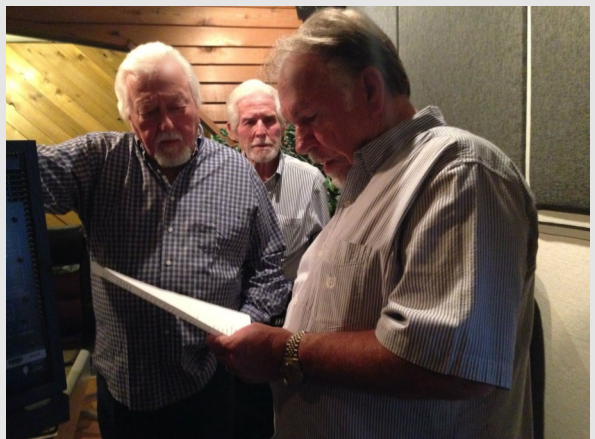
Lincolnton, GA - May 2, 2014 - Little Roy and Gene Watson - "Before & After" photos!



Gene is delighted to receive a Henry 22 caliber lever-action rifle from a great fan in Branson, MO.



On May 13th, Gene visited with WSM AM Radio host, Bill Cody (left) and his wingman, Charlie Mattos (right).



In the Studio: Musician's Hall of Famer, Jimmy Capps (left) goes over a song written by Senator Albertson of NC (center) for a project the Senator plans to release sometime next year.

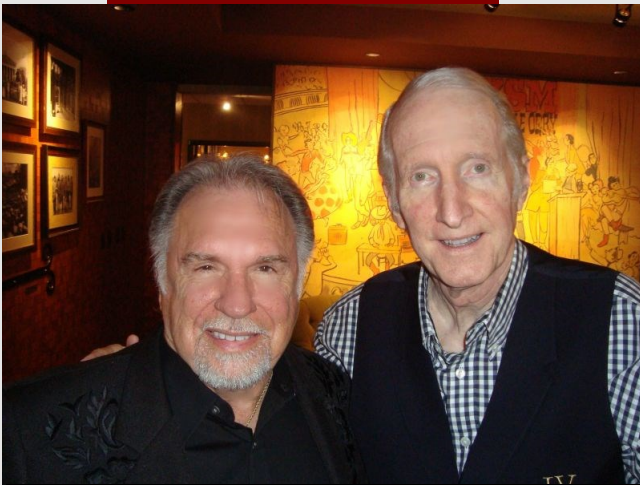
# Backstage At The Grand Ole Opry - May 13, 2014



He works day and night! Morning radio host for WSM AM and evening host for the Grand Ole Opry, Bill Cody, takes this moment to talk with Gene between sips of strong coffee.



A perennial favorite on the Opry, Jeannie Seely stops to chat with Gene before she goes onstage.



Gene ran into the great George Hamilton IV in the Opry "Green Room" and they discussed their many international shows. Although George Hamilton IV's most popular hit is "Abilene", his very first single release was actually a big pop hit "A Rose and a Baby Ruth."



84 year old Buck White and daughter, Cheryl White make Gene laugh backstage while the third member of their group, Sharon, is working as an announcer onstage. The Whites have been Opry members since 1984.



Deanna Carter visits with Gene before she sings her #1 hit, "Strawberry Wine".



**Gene is interviewed for RFD-TV Rural News by reporter, Tammi Arrender.**



**12 year old Annie Drew from Tyler, TX attended a Gene concert at the Texas Music Hall Of Fame in Carthage, TX and according to her Mom, young Annie fell in love with Gene's music!**



**Gene can't pass up looking at old cars and trucks at W. Monroe, LA**



**Longtime friend and fellow country music star, Jo-EI Sonnier, surprised Gene with a visit before the concert in Durant, OK.**



**Former Columbia recording artist and fellow Texan, Deryl Dodd, visited on Gene's bus prior to their show in Durant, OK.**

# Meet Fan Maye Stutts From Florida!



Where do you live? I live in Lakeland, FL, have since 1989. Before that Tupelo, MS for 16 years and was born and married in Greensboro, NC area.

What type work do you do? I am an independent insurance agent, work in winter when snowbirds are in Florida. With Medical Air Services Association. Moved to Florida for this job. My husband and I started Regional office in Florida in 1989 for Medical Air Services Association ( MASA).

Tell us about your family? I am a widow, since May 20, 2011. I have twin Godchildren, girls, 36 who have 2 children each. Family left in NC are 2 sisters. One who goes to Shelby and areas close by to catch Gene's shows.

What are your Top Five Gene songs? "Farewell Party", "Because You Believed In Me", "Love In the Hot Afternoon", "Fourteen Carat Mind", "I Don't Need A Thing At All". All his songs really. Gospel, I love "Before The Hammers Could Ring."

What are your hobbies? I play golf, fish, spend time at the beach, play cards and go to concerts.

Where did you first hear about Gene Watson? When I was young, he came out with songs that were just so great, good to listen to. I had no money, nothing to play them on and could only listen to Radio, and then I bought some of his albums, Wish I had kept them! I guess I first bought an album in the 1970's. "Love in the Hot Afternoon", 1975 and "Because You Believed in Me" 1976.

How many concerts have you attended? To this date time and location have allowed only 2, Strawberry Festival in Plant City, FL 2013 and Orange Blossom Opry in Weirsdale, FL. April 19, 2014

I have many of Genes CDs now and listen to them daily. My favorite may be 25 Greatest Hits and Gene Watson Gospel at Its Best. Of course "Farewell Party" is # 1 but lesser known "Because You Believed In Me" is certainly # 2.

My friend came to Florida from Leoma, TN just to see Gene in Weirsdale, FL. He looks a lot like Gene and loves his music. He had never seen Gene in concert! Loved it!

# Tour Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>City/State/Country</b>
June 13th	KickNUp Country Festival	Karlstad, MN
June 14th	Midwest Country Theater	Sandstone, MN
June 15th	Sisseton Performing Arts Center	Sisseton, SD
June 26th & 27th	The Don Gibson Theater	Shelby, NC
June 28th	Summerville Music Park	Summersville, WV
July 5th	The Texas Opry	Weatherford, TX
July 11th	Grand Ole Opry	Nashville, TN
<p>Gene Watson will autograph his new CD from 5:30pm—6:30pm in the Lobby of the Opry House on July 11th</p>		
July 12th	WV Country Music Hall Of Fame	Fairmont, WV
July 13th	American Music Theater	Lancaster, PA
July 31st	Buffalo Run Casino	Miami, OK
August 2nd	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft. Worth, TX
August 8th	Olympia High School Auditorium	Stanford, IL
August 9th	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
August 14th	North Carolina Bluegrass Festival	Marion, NC
August 15th	Hawkinsville Opera House	Hawkinsville, GA
August 16th	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
Sept. 1st	Catlettsburg Labor Day Festival	Catlettsburg, KY
<p>****Canadian Tour****</p>		
Sept. 10th	Sanderson Center	Brantford, ON
Sept. 11th	Renfrew RCAF #433 Champlain Wing	Renfrew, ON

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<b>Sept. 13th</b>	<b>Maramora Jamboree</b>	<b>Maramora, ON</b>
<b>Sept. 14th</b>	<b>Spencerville Fair</b>	<b>Spencerville, ON</b>
<b>Sept. 19th</b>	<b>Dailey &amp; Vincent Festival</b>	<b>Denton, NC</b>
<b>Sept. 23rd</b>	<b>Red River Valley Fair</b>	<b>Paris, TX</b>
<b>Sept. 24th</b>	<b>Starlite Theatre</b>	<b>Branson, MO</b>
<b>Sept. 26th</b>	<b>Eagles Club</b>	<b>Cape Girardeau, MO</b>
<b>Sept. 27th</b>	<b>Renfro Valley Entertainment Center</b>	<b>Renfro Valley, KY</b>
<b>Sept. 30th</b>	<b>Raleigh Memorial Auditorium</b>	<b>Raleigh, NC</b>
<b>Oct. 10th</b>	<b>Marion Civic Center</b>	<b>Marion, IL</b>
<b>Oct. 11th</b>	<b>Dublin Theater</b>	<b>Dublin, GA</b>
<b>Oct. 13th</b>	<b>Georgia Mtn. Fall Festival</b>	<b>Hiawassee, GA</b>
<b>Oct. 17th</b>	<b>Lovelady Old Gymnasium</b>	<b>Lovelady, TX</b>
<b>Oct. 18th</b>	<b>Truman Lake Opry</b>	<b>Tightwad, MO</b>
<b>Oct. 25th</b>	<b>Bowie Community Center</b>	<b>Bowie, TX</b>
<b>Nov. 2nd</b>	<b>Winspear Centre - Enmax Hall</b>	<b>Edmonton, AB, Canada</b>
<b>Nov. 8th</b>	<b>Newberry Opera House</b>	<b>Newberry, SC</b>
<b>Nov. 15th</b>	<b>Choctaw Event Center</b>	<b>Durant, OK</b>
<b>Nov. 29th</b>	<b>SC State Bluegrass Festival</b>	<b>Myrtle Beach, SC</b>
<b>Dec. 12th</b>	<b>Boulder Station Casino - Railhead</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>Dec. 13th</b>	<b>Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park</b>	<b>Yuma, AZ</b>
<b>Jan. 1st, 2015</b>	<b>New Year's Bluegrass Festival</b>	<b>Jekyll Island, GA</b>

June 2, 2014 - Larry's Country Diner Taping in Nashville!



"Sheriff" Jimmy Capps plays guitar and Michele Capps sings backup as Gene sings the Merle Haggard classic "It's Not Love (But It's Not Bad)".



Jimmy Capps, Johnny Rodriguez and Gene snap a quick photo just prior to Johnny's show starting.



Gene and good friend, singer-songwriter, Eddy Raven, visit before the show starts taping. Eddy wrote "Thank God For Kids" for the Oak Ridge Boys.



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When not working as Gene's Road Manager and ace piano player, Chip Bricker is a mega award winning gospel music producer.



Chip Bricker with the cutest assistant ever! Miss Chrissy!



# Trivia Contest Winner

Congratulations to Norita Olsson of Downs, Illinois who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: What is the title of this Gene Watson album?

The answer:



Memories To Burn

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:

[GeneWatsonMusic@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com). Only Fan Club Members get the Trivia Contest Question!

## Battle Artist

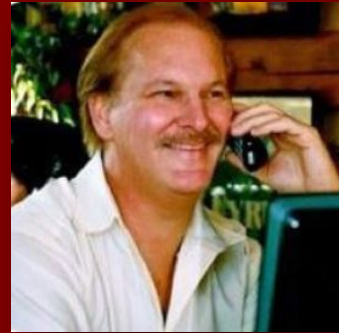
## Agency

To Book Gene Watson for an event in your area contact:

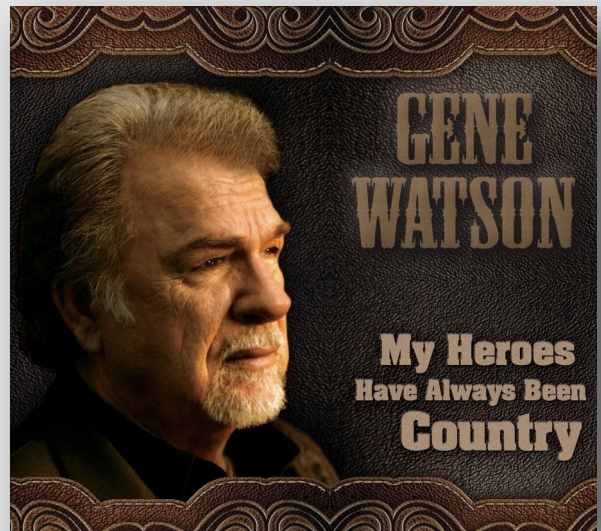
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### Gene Watson Albums Through The Years!



Release Date: June 10th!

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