



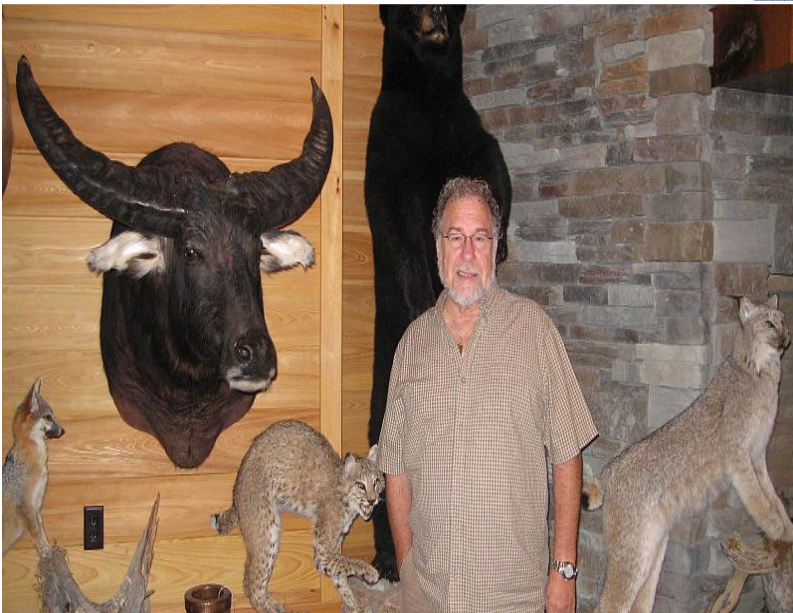
GENE WATSON



Gene celebrated a milestone birthday October 11th --- He turned 65 years old! Thanks to Sean Brady who oversees the excellent fan site www.Gene-Watson.com for suggesting fans send a birthday card to Gene; he was truly humbled by the deluge of cards from fans around the world.

In his typically understated way, Gene said “I never expected anyone to remember my birthday, much less for the fans to send so many wonderful cards. It’s a real blessing to have such great fans around the world”.

LEFT: In Gloversville, NY at the Glove Theater, Gene was surprised onstage by Bug Country Radio’s Dave Silvers with a big birthday cake! The Farewell Party Band and the audience sang “Happy Birthday to Gene”.



Pictured Left: Perhaps Gene is auditioning for the remake of “Night At The Museum 2”? He seems completely unaware a big black bear is sizing him up for lunch.

Gene is actually checking out the lodge where he performed for a private event in Florida.



Pictured Right: Gene is in a backstage area of the Country Tonite Theater in Pigeon Forge.

He is shown here signing items that the theater will use for charitable donations.

Meeting with Old Friends



Lower Left: Joe Nichols (“The Impossible”, “Brokenheartsville”) who admits to being a huge Gene Watson fan is happy to meet up with Gene backstage at the Opry.

Lower Right: Ferlin Husky (“On The Wings of A Dove”, “Gone” and “A Dear John Letter”) and Gene both performed at a benefit show in Tyler, Texas.

The two old friends are shown here backstage where they caught up on each other’s recent news.

Pictured Above:

Gene and Diamond Rio share a laugh backstage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville on Sept. 23, 2008.

Gene and the members of Diamond Rio became friends when they performed at the October Gold Festival in Japan in 2003.



FAN VIEW: MEET RUBY JENKINS



LEFT: Alabama's former *Gene Watson Fan Club* leader, Ruby Jenkins, is pictured here with her honky-tonk hero, Gene Watson.

This photo was taken October 13, 1982 at the Sunny Dukes Club in Birmingham, AL

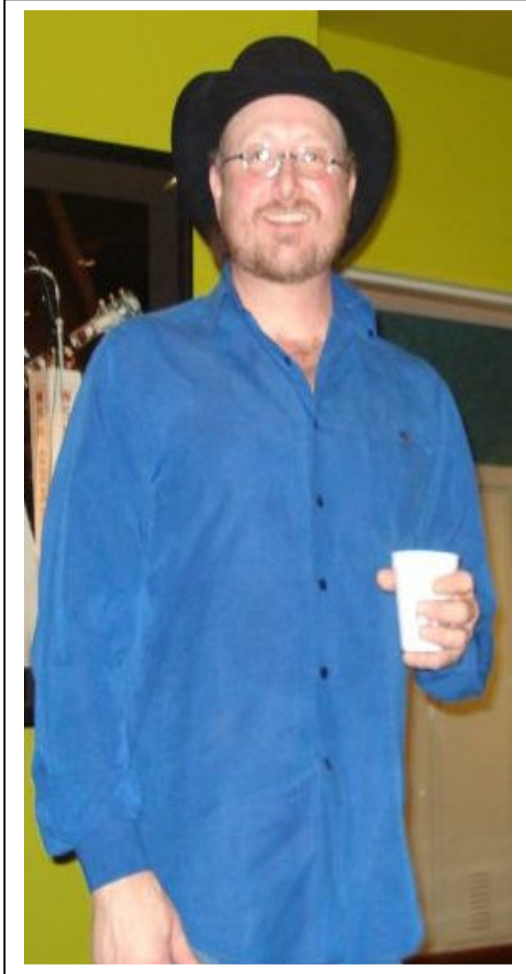
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. **Where do you call home?** Alabama - near Birmingham
2. **What is your occupation?** I'm retired now but I worked for 21 years in the printing business & 10½ years as support staff at two local schools in Alabama
3. **When did you first hear Gene Watson's music?** It was in 1977 on WWL Radio in New Orleans, LA; the DJ was Charlie Douglas & the song was 'Love in the Hot Afternoon'
4. **When did you first meet Gene?** I met Gene in 1978 during Fan Fair in June of that year. He was at the Walkway of the Stars & he was so friendly. It was there that Gene gave me his autograph
5. **When was your first Gene Watson concert?** My first concert was in 1979 at the Sonny Dukes Club in Birmingham, AL
6. **What is your favorite Gene Watson song?** It's hard to pick a favorite but here's my 'Top 3': 1 'Love in the hot afternoon', 2 'Make sure you got it all' & 3 'This side of the door'
7. **How did you become the Alabama Fan Club President?** I met the National Fan Club President in 1979 and after writing to her for a while, she asked me to handle the state of Alabama & I was thrilled to do so.

I had never belonged to any Fan Club before Gene's. Every year the Fan Club decorated Gene's Fan Fair booth & we helped sell his merchandise at the booth. I met many good friends working with the Fan Club & at Fan Fair. I used to go to every concert I could when Gene came anywhere near Alabama.

I haven't been able to get to a concert in a while but I still buy all his new music. I have LPs, 45s, 8-track tapes, cassettes & CDs and I treasure them all!

BAND MEMBER SPOTLIGHT STALEY ROGERS: BASS



Hometown: Paris, TX (born there and still living there!)

When did you first begin playing the bass guitar: Age 13 - in church

Other than Gene, what artists do you enjoy: My favorite is Bruce Hornsby but I also like Rebecca Lynn Howard, Martina McBride, Alison Krauss, James Taylor, Anita Baker and Billy Joel.

If you weren't a musician, what occupation would you have? Pro Baseball Player

First Band You Played in: It was a Country band called Lightning Ridge in Paris, Texas

Later on I was with a very popular Texas Rock band called Bellicose. That band had an album released titled Love On Ice.

Hobbies: Watching all levels of Football from High School, College to Pro (Dallas Cowboys!) Fishing too.

Favorite foods: Pork Chops, Red Beans, Cornbread

Birthday: September 23

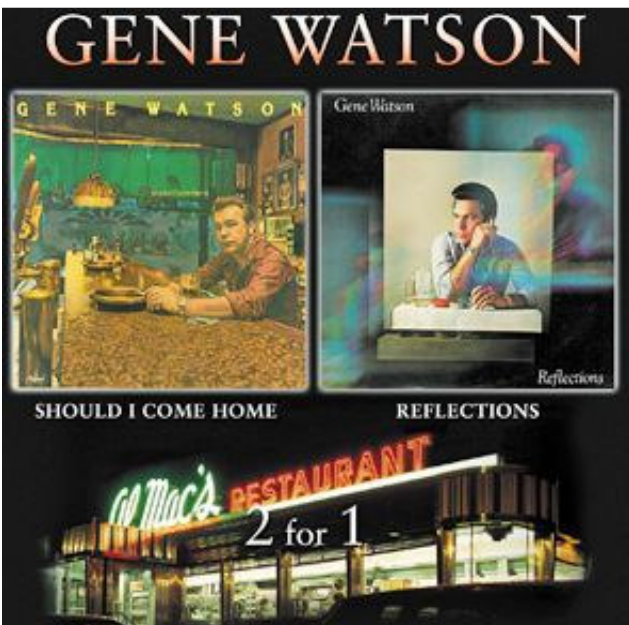
Years with Farewell Party Band: 11 years



GENE WATSON RECEIVES HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT

(Nashville, TN) Gene Watson now has a special spotlight exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame

The 'Gene Watson: Fourteen Carat Voice' exhibit opened October 20th 2008 and runs through Spring 2009. 'Gene Watson: Fourteen Carat Voice' explores Watson's career as a soulful vocalist rooted in the classic country tradition, beginning with his steamy 1975 hit 'Love in the Hot Afternoon'. Watson's musical consistency is juxtaposed with his wardrobe's evolution. Stage costumes on display trace his 1970s clean-cut persona & attention-grabbing stage wear to a more relaxed look through the 1980s. If you're in Nashville, be sure to check out this special exhibit!



CD Re-issue!

Gene's 'Reflections' & 'Should I Come Home' albums have been digitally re-mastered and will be released by Hux Records on CD for the first time **January 26, 2009**. An accompanying 12-page booklet will include extensive liner notes, photographs & full lyrics to all of the featured tracks.

Gene Watson's 'Reflections' album from 1978 & 'Should I Come Home' from 1979, both included many hits, including 'One Sided Conversation', 'Farewell Party', 'Pick The Wildwood Flower', 'Nothing Sure Looked Good On You' and 'Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy)'.

Order Online:

<http://www.huxrecords.com/order.htm>

TOUR DATES

Nov 22	Middle Creek Theater	Louisburg, KS
Nov 23	God & Country Theater	Branson, MO
Dec 06	The Stagecoach	Ft. Worth, TX
Jan 17	Performing Arts Center	Huntingdon, TN
Jan 24	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL

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Gene Watson

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AND THE WINNER IS ...

Thanks to DeAnna in Athens, Georgia who submitted the winning entry for our last newsletter contest: "Name 3 Gene Watson songs containing the word 'FIRE'."

For YOUR chance to win an autographed T Shirt, email your answer to the question below to:

Artist@LytleMgMt.com

WHAT IS GENE WATSON'S FIRST NAME?

Winner will be drawn at random from all winning entries & will be announced in the next Gene Watson Newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM GENE

Dear Friends - It's the time of year when we gather together with friends & family and give thanks for our health, love & happiness.

I appreciate seeing you at concerts & please know your continued support is the greatest gift of all.

I wish you a joyful & peaceful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you out on the road.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,