



GENE WATSON



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we're talking Turkey and Holidays already! Just seems like yesterday we were in the throes of the heat and humidity and singing "Farewell Party" six times in one day during the June CMA Music Fest (aka "Fan Fair"!").

I feel very blessed to have had such a busy year and more than ever, I appreciate you coming out to see the shows and giving us your time and attention. The band and I are always grateful to see each and every one of you and we hope you're enjoying some of the new songs we've put into the shows. We've been having a great time on the road with Rhonda Vincent and her band, The Rage. If you've been to one of those, you know why Rhonda is a perennial winner of Entertainer of the Year. She keeps us on our toes!

In the USA, we're just about to have our Thanksgiving holiday and my wish for you during the holidays is to be surrounded by good friends and family and to have good health and happiness. Read this quote somewhere and it rings true.

"Happiness resides not in possessions and not in gold; the feeling of happiness dwells in the soul." - **Democritus**
Happy Thanksgiving !

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THE STARS ALIGN

It's not hard work when they're having this much fun backstage at the Tribute to Bill Anderson TV taping to air on the RFD-TV network. Shown here visiting onset are left to right: Rhonda Vincent, Roy Clark, Gene Watson and guest of honor, Bill Anderson.



WE GET PAID FOR THIS?

Photo Right: On October 6, 2010 in Nashville, three of the nicest men in showbiz take a moment from taping the tribute to Bill Anderson to snap this picture.

Pictured left to right are: Gene Watson, Vince Gill ("Look At Us", "When I Call Your Name"), Moe Bandy ("Bandy the Rodeo Clown", "Hey Moe, Hey Joe") and Moe's lovely wife, Tammy.



IN COLOR
Photo Left: Gene shares a few stories with Mercury recording artist, Jamey Johnson at the Bill Anderson Tribute taping in Nashville, TN.



Photo Right: During the TV taping, Gene enjoyed having a moment to talk to one of the greats of country music, Charley Pride. With over 36 #1 Billboard hits, Charley Pride is a CMA Entertainer of the Year and his signature song is “Kiss An Angel Good Morning” which also crossed over to the pop music market. Charlie had a career in baseball’s minor leagues before deciding to work seriously on a country music career.



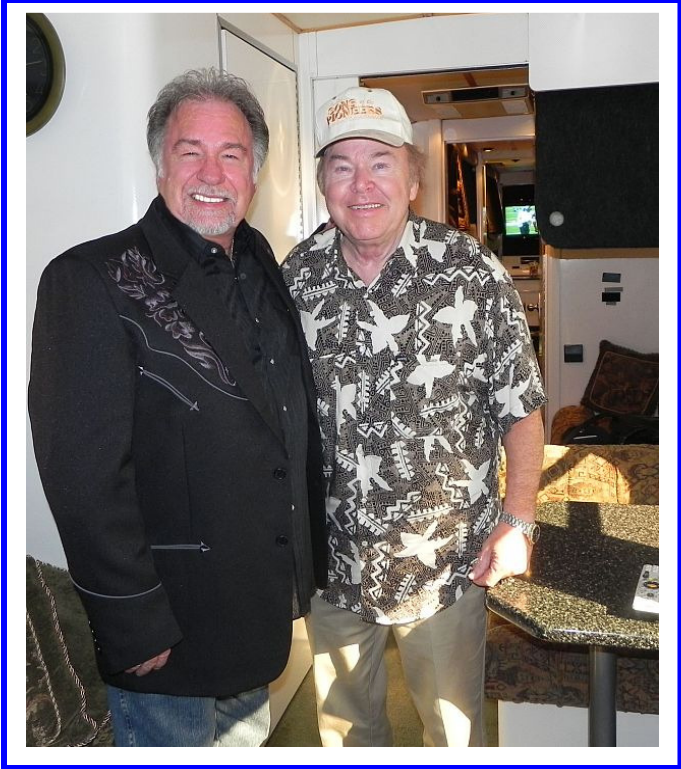
GROUP HUG
At the Country Family Reunion taping this bunch posed for a quick picture. L-R: Con Hunley peeking around Gene Watson, B.J. Thomas, Jimmy Fortune, Rozene (Mrs. Charley) Pride and Moe Bandy.



GUITAR HERO

Photo left: Gene was just having a typical business day in Nashville when friend, David Frizzell called to meet him at a coffee shop. David surprised Gene by asking him to come along to the Epiphone Guitar headquarters in Nashville and once there, the Epiphone reps gifted Gene with this beautiful J-200 acoustic guitar. Gene collects guitars and you can tell he's one happy guy. Left to right: Epiphone's Supply Chain Director, Marty Burns, Gene and Epiphone Director of Operations, Scott Aisenbrey.

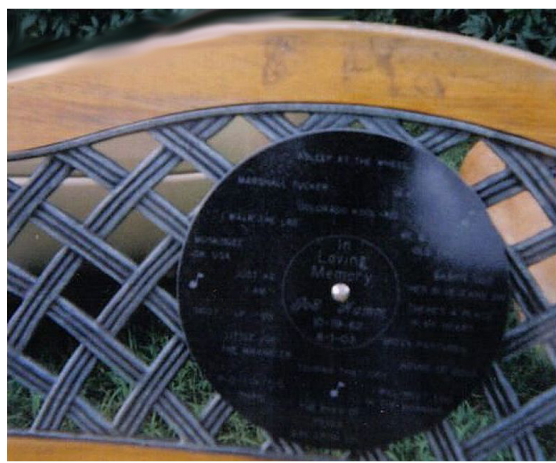
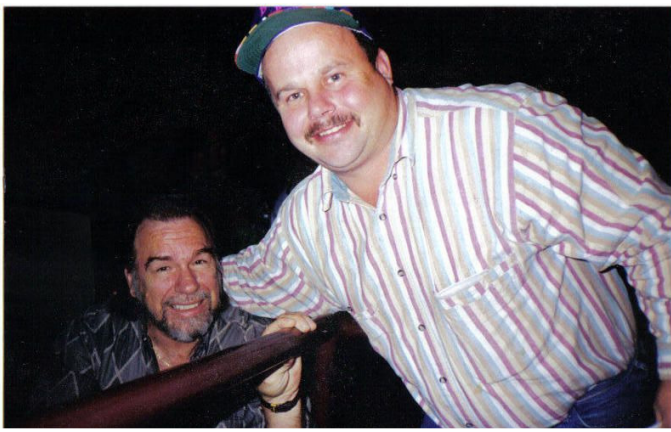
Below: Gene was pleased to receive this lovely award from United Kingdom fans, Jean Holmes and her granddaughter, Chanelle from Merseyside. It reads "To Gene, You are the star of Country Music."



PICKIN' AND GRINNIN'

September 12th in Branson, Missouri, Gene's bus was parked near the bus of country great, Roy Clark. The two enjoyed a visit on Roy's bus before Gene had to go onstage.

Roy Clark is known for his co-hosting of the long-running USA television show, "Hee Haw" and also for his many hits such as "Thank God and Greyhound, She's Gone" and "Yesterday When I Was Young". The great entertainer is also known for his comedic wit and superb musicianship on guitar and banjo.



Joe Hamm (RIP) (10/19/1962 to 8/1/2003) pictured above with Gene was a huge Gene Watson fan and went to many of Gene's concerts. To honor Joe's life and love of music, his mother, Sarah Spiers, made this park bench pictured above with a vinyl "record" inscribed with many of Joe's favorite Gene Watson song titles including his favorite, "Fourteen Carat Mind". The bench is placed by his grave in Missouri.



FAN SPOTLIGHT ON ROGER GLASS OF LEXINGTON, S.C

Q: Where do you live? A: I have lived in Lexington, SC for 23 years with my wife, Juanita and our 2 dogs, Cody & Boo Belle.

Q: Where were you born? A: I was born in Cheyenne WY but the family moved to Thermopolis, WY when I was a year old. Except for four years, in Denver, I lived in Thermopolis for 43 years.

Q: What kind of work have you done? A: I was in the Wyoming Army National Guard for 6 years. I worked in the Radio, TV and Video Production business most of my life. I am now retired.

Q: Have any children? A: Juanita and I have been married for 32 years. We have six children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Q: Is your wife a fan of Gene Watson also? A: Juanita became a Gene fan not long after we married.

Juanita and I met through local theater in Thermopolis, WY and were involved in community theater there until we moved in 1987 and then in South Carolina from 1988 to 2001.

We were also in local and state wide TV & Radio commercials. Part of my time in radio, I was a Country DJ, where I first heard Gene and fell in love with his voice. I have most of his albums, cassettes and CDs.

Q: Have you seen a Gene Watson concert? A: The first time I saw Gene in concert was in Casper, WY in the early 1980's. I forgot to get his autograph - I just wanted to shake his hand. I have seen Gene, in concert, twice (in the early 1990's) in the Columbia, SC area.

Q: What are your top 5 Gene songs? A: My top five are: #1 : THIS IS MY YEAR FOR MEXICO followed by, in no special order, CARMEN, A MEMORY AWAY, FOREVER AGAIN, and ATLANTA ANYMORE. Juanita says I have 50 songs in my Top 5 favorites. Her favorite is LOVE IN THE HOT AFTERNOON.

Q: Any hobbies? A: I guess the only hobby I have is collecting business cards and Gene Watson songs. I wrote a poem about Gene a few years ago. I think he has a copy.

Yes, Gene enjoyed your wonderful poem and thank you for being our special fan this month!



Photo Left: At the Opry September 24th, when singer Jimmy Wayne learned that Gene admired his self-penned hit “Stay Gone”, he dedicated the song to Gene as Gene listened from the sidelines. Jimmy (left) and Gene enjoyed a good visit backstage.

TOUR DATES

November 27 Evansville, WI
November 29, 30 Niagra Falls, ON
January 1 Hobbs, NM
February 5 Weirsdale, FL

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for more details!

AND THE WINNER IS

Our last trivia question known only to members of the Gene Watson fan club was: “Name another artist that has recorded “Farewell Party.” We received great answers – a few we had to check for ourselves! There have been many to sing it but fewer to record it -some of those names are: Alan Jackson, Waylon, Little Jimmy Dickens, Jean Shepherd and there are many more. We had a great response from all of you but the winner picked at random is...(drum roll here)....

MICHAEL ARCHER

Michael has been a Gene fan since he was a child in Blossom, Texas and it turns out Michael is also known as “America’s Favorite Fat Guy” Check his website

<http://americasfavoritefatguy.blogspot.com/>

If you want your chance to win, just be sure you are signed up for Gene’s free fan club. Register at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com (entry form located top right corner on the main page). The NEXT trivia question will be emailed to the fan club sometime in January.

Photo below: Gene and the Farewell Party Band in Ada, OK. Gene’s band is (left to right): Robbie Primm, pedal steel; Willie Glover, guitar; Todd Hines, drums; Staley Rogers, bass and Chip Bricker, piano.



To book a concert with Gene Watson, contact Carrie Moore- Reed at Carrie@ThirdCoastTalent.com or call her at her NEW phone number: (615) 685-3331.

To contact Gene and/or his management, email: Artist@LytleMgmt.com and be sure to put “GENE WATSON” in the subject line.

For more information on Gene, visit the website: www.GeneWatsonMusic.com and the Fan Site [\[Watson.com\]\(http://Watson.com\) . Check out Gene on !\[\]\(7bc43b319a082987e20f7bf78f4bab80_img.jpg\) \[www.Facebook.com/GeneWatsonMusic\]\(http://www.Facebook.com/GeneWatsonMusic\) , Twitter and MySpace.](http://www.Gene-</p></div>
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