

November 2012

Dear Friends -

As this year starts to come to a close I want to thank you for making my 50th year celebration in the music business such a great one! I can't tell you what it means to have had so many kind emails this past year congratulating me. This year I received a street named for me in Paris, TX and the Texas Governor and Senate declared it Gene Watson Day. I was amazed to have a four hour Sirius XM special made about my life and just a few weeks ago had the privilege to sing for one of my music heroes, Hargus "Pig" Robbins as he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Who could ask for more than that?

I also thank you for letting me know how much you love the *Best of The Best* CD that we released as part of this special year's events. As you may have heard me say before, I never worked so hard on an album in my life but I'm so happy you like it. I'm fired up and ready to get back into a studio again!

For those of you going on the Country Family Reunion cruise January 19-24, I hope we'll have a chance to say hello and when you do visit with me, please let me know that you're a part of my fan club. I know we're going to have a lot of fun with so many great artists coming on the cruise. For those that can't make it, we'll take a LOT of photos for you.

Please continue to keep our friends in the Northeast in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to work through the devastation brought on by Hurricane Sandy.

Finally, to everyone in the USA, Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you enjoy a wonderful day off work, surrounded by friends and family. I know I'm looking forward to some delicious turkey, cornbread dressing and buttermilk biscuits. I can hear the Hee Haw cast right now saying "Yum Yum!". Until next time,

A handwritten signature of Gene Watson in black ink, written in a cursive style.





Garth Brooks confessed to Gene backstage at the Country Music Hall of Fame Medallion Ceremonies (where Garth was inducted as a member) that he probably played more of Gene's hits when he was first starting out than his own songs. Garth is the #1 selling solo artist in US history. He has sold over 128 million albums.

October 21, 2012
The Medallion
Ceremony for the
Induction of Connie
Smith
Hargus 'Pig'
Robbins
And Garth Brooks
into the Country
Music Hall Of Fame

Trisha Yearwood (aka Mrs. Garth Brooks) sat front and center at the Medallion Center rehearsal to hear Gene sing "Fourteen Carat Mind". She mentioned that she and Garth are huge fans of Gene's. Later in the evening, Gene was pleased to tell Trisha that his favorite of her songs is "The Song Remembers When."





Bill Cody of WSM-AM Radio greets Gene Watson as Gene arrives at the Country Music Hall Of Fame for the Medallion Ceremonies on Sunday, October 21, 2012.



Interviews were a part of the evening for the artists.



Gene Watson and Jimmy Fortune



Invited to sing "Fourteen Carat Mind" for the segment of the program devoted to Hargus 'Pig' Robbins who played the piano on the original recording of the song, Gene Watson wowed the crowd and received a standing ovation for his performance!

Photo credit: Jae S. Lee/Tennessean

Catching Up With Longtime Friends!



Brenda Lee and Gene caught up with each other backstage at the Country Music Hall of Fame. Superstar Brenda Lee is in the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, the Rockabilly Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame. On March 28, 1960 Brenda recorded "I'm Sorry". It hit # 1 during the summer of 1960 and stayed on the Top 100 for over 6 months. "I'm Sorry" was also Brenda's first gold record selling over one million records and is her biggest selling record. Brenda Lee's songs have charted in more categories (including Pop/Rock, Rock, Easy Listening and Country) than any other female in the history of recorded music.

Gene Watson Boulevard!

September 29, 2012 was a red letter day in Paris, Texas as the town honored it's hometown son, Gene Watson, with the renaming of 6th St NE to Gene Watson Boulevard! The renaming ceremony took place during the Red River Valley Fair and included proclamations from the governor of Texas, the Texas state Senate, and US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchins.

(Photo Credit: Robbie Gunn/InParisTexas.com)



Sirius XM Interview!

October 23rd in the skyline offices of Sirius XM radio, overlooking downtown Nashville, radio host, Wade Jessen, talked with Gene about his 50th year in the music business, about his participation in the Country Music Hall of Fame Medallion ceremony and about his upcoming projects for 2013. The radio interview will be included as an update to the November re-airing of the radio documentary of Gene's life on Sirius XM. Exact dates for the program will be announced soon.



Country's Family Reunion Taping on October 11, 2012

Country's Family Reunion's newest series "Grand Ole Opry" began taping on October 11, 2012 in Nashville, TN. Gene Watson performed two songs during the taping "You Gave Me A Mountain", a salute to Marty Robbins, a long time Opry member, and "Cowboy's Don't Get Lucky All The Time."



Gene Watson and Jim Ed Brown enjoyed a moment to chat during a break at the taping of the Country's Family Reunion "Grand Ole Opry" series.

October 11th, 2012 was not only Gene's 69th birthday but he was able to celebrate it with good friends at a Country Family Reunion taping. The crew surprised Gene with balloons and a cake and everyone sang "Happy Birthday".



Fan Spotlight On: Jan Leebrick!



Jan with Gene Watson
in 1989 at Branson,
MO.

*“That’s a tough
one.....
I like the tear
jerkers.”*



Jan with Gene Watson in
2010 at Branson, MO.

Where do you live?

I live in Grand Forks, North Dakota , but I was born and raised in Ohio. My husband was in the Air Force and our tour of duty was Ohio, Kansas, Montana and North Dakota.

What type work do you do?

I am a Sales Rep for Acosta Sales, Military Division and I call on the Commissaries at the 2 Air bases in North Dakota. I previously worked for Kraft Foods for 20 years.

Tell us about your family

I am single. I have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. My girls are married and I have 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

What are your Top Five Gene songs?

That is a tough one, there are so many. “Old Loves Never die”, “Lonely Me”, “When My World Left Town”, “Forever Again”, “Hold That Thought”. I like the tear jerkers.

What are your hobbies?

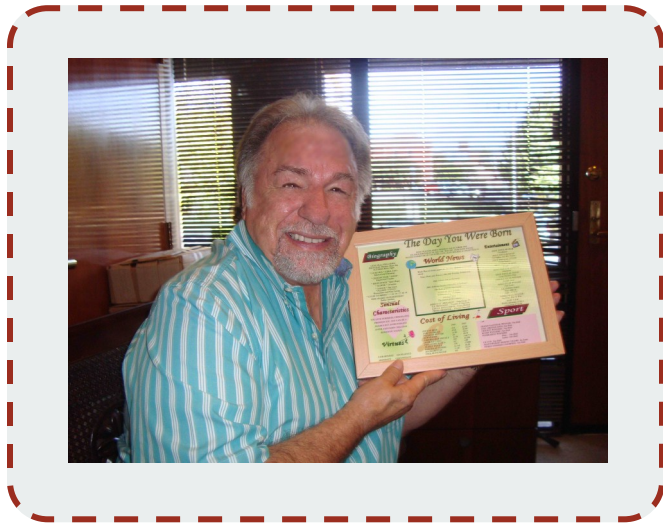
I read a lot. I love mysteries, but I also read Biography’s and History. And I love NASCAR.

Where did you first hear about Gene Watson?

I was visiting my family in Ohio and my youngest brother was singing “Love In The Hot Afternoon” and I asked who sang that. I’m from a family of 10 kids and was raised on country music, but I had been busy raising 4 little ones and hadn’t kept up with the latest artist. I went to a Grand Ole Opry show in Bismarck, ND and Gene was with them in 1979 and I bought my first album “Reflections”. I have all of Gene’s music with autographs except the latest. It is the Wide World Album “Gene Watson” and I will get that signed next time. Had a hard time finding that one.

How many concerts have you attended? Twelve

My favorite album is “Old Loves Never Die”. In 2011 my home was flooded out in Minot, ND and when I had to evacuate I took my important papers, all my pictures, some clothes and all my GENE WATSON Music. I love Gene’s voice. He can sing anything from Brook Benton, ballads, gospel. He is the best.



“Thank You!” from Gene.....

Gene wants to thank all of you that sent him birthday cards to celebrate his 69th birthday October 11th. It was great fun for him to get so many cards and notes and he said “I know that I have THE greatest fans in the world and yet I’m still surprised and delighted when I get this overwhelming show of kindness. I hope each and every one knows I will treasure their card and their kind words.”

**Contact Carrie Moore-Reed at Third Coast Talent to book Gene Watson for an event in your area!
 Phone number: 615-685-3331 or by mail at P. O. Box 334, Kingston Springs, TN 37082
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“Fan Photo Friday” Coming to Facebook!

Have a favorite photo that you took at a Gene Watson concert of Gene on stage? Or a photo of Gene with the band on stage? Or maybe a photo you just really like from a concert? Starting on Fridays in 2013 the Gene Watson Facebook page will post a photo sent in by a fan for everyone to enjoy! So we’re asking you to scan your photo and send it via e-mail attachment to: FanPhotoFriday@gmail.com. Please send the name of the concert site, the town, state, country (if other than the USA), and the date if you know it but at least the year. Photos should be in good taste. We wouldn’t want to embarrass anyone! Please include your name with the submission. E-mail submission of a photo grants permission for that photo to be published on this site. Be sure to check the Gene Watson Facebook page on Fridays in 2013 to enjoy the fan photo of the week!



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Gene Watson and Billy Dean snapped this photo backstage at the Grand Ole Opry on November 13, 2012.

Tour Dates

November 24	Tin Hall	Cypress, TX
December 1	Stagecoach Ballroom	Ft Worth, TX
December 9	Music Country USA	New Boston, TX
December 15	Sugar Creek Casino	Hinton, OK
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February 9	Riverside Club	Mission, TX
February 16	Neuse River Music Festival	Kinston, NC
February 22	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, GA
February 23	9th Annual Palatka Bluegrass Festival	Palatka, FL
March 1	Florida Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 10	Cailloux Theater	Kerrville, TX
March 22	Casey Jones Village Amphitheater	Jackson, TN
March 23	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, IN
April 12	Farmers Opry	Pace, FL
April 13	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
April 26	Hardy Murphy Coliseum	Ardmore, OK

The Trivia Contest Winner Is:

Congratulations to Candice in Callahan, FL who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: “Which two Gene Watson songs mention putting coins in a jukebox?” The correct answer: “The Jukebox Played Along” and “Three Minutes At A Time”.

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.

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!