

Merry Christmas to you!

Gene Watson



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Gene was surprised and honored to learn that ZZ Top's, Dusty Hill, is a fan! Dusty came to Gene's show November 11th at The Dosey Doe in The Woodlands, TX. No word if Dusty will be adding "Farewell Party" into his group's repertoire but we're sure Dusty agrees Gene is a "Sharp Dressed Man."



At Gene's October 26th show in Crossville, TN at The Palace, Gene enjoyed a good visit with his old friend, the great songwriter, Joe Allen. Joe has written too many hits to name them all here but just a few he's written that Gene recorded are: Pick The Wildwood Flower, Should I Come Home (or Should I Go Crazy) and I Don't Need A Thing At All.

It's never too soon to start a child listening to Real Country Music! Country singers, Lefty Frizzell and David Frizzell, would no doubt be proud that their nephew Corey Frizzell, with his wife, Toni, are bringing up young Ryman to appreciate good country music. Ryman and his Mom and Dad posed for this picture after Gene's performance November 17th at the Nashville Palace.





Gene and the Farewell Party Band always enjoy performing at the Ryman, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. On November 17th, they performed "Got No Reason Now For Going Home" and "Make The World Go Away."



Backstage at the Ryman, drummer, Todd Hines and pedal steel player, Robbie Primm, modeled their newest stage wear from PFI Western Wear. The guy in the middle just jumped into the photo.



One of Gene's favorite young singers is Jimmy Wayne. As soon as he saw Jimmy backstage at the Ryman, Gene started singing Jimmy's song "Stay Gone"!



After their performance on the Opry November 17th, Gene and the band had to rush across town to perform at their sold-out show at The Nashville Palace. The crowd was ecstatic over every song but none more than Gene's final show stopper - "Farewell Party." On this night Gene enjoyed extra backup help from the famous Major League Baseball umpire, Joe West, who's quite a singer himself.

Getting To Know: Chad Phillips!

- I was born and raised in Bonham, TX (ironically only 40 miles west of Gene's hometown of Paris)
- My wife and I built our dream home on 27 acres in Blue Ridge, TX in October of last year.
- I got my first guitar at age 9, and by age 11, I was performing on stage at a little country jamboree called the Blue Ridge Opry (yes the same Blue Ridge I live in now). At age 16, I joined a band called "Stampede", which was my first professional gig, and we played the local VFW's, street dances, rodeos, etc. around the northeast Texas area. I never played in the school band.
- My first show with Gene was on April 15, 2013 in Shelby, NC at the Don Gibson Theater.
- My musical influences vary considerably. I have been influenced in some way by just about everyone in country music, but as a singer, my favorite country artists are Merle Haggard, Ray Price, Gene Watson, Vern Gosdin, and Ronnie Milsap. I also love classic rock and blues. I'd say, Paul Rogers of "Bad Company" is my favorite rock singer and Stevie Ray Vaughn is my favorite blues artist.
- If I wasn't in the music business, well, I don't know what I'd be doing. It's been my life's passion and I can't imagine life without it. I took a break from it for about 6 years, and worked at a car dealership, but when I got the phone call from Gene, the decision was easy.
- I don't really have a lot of specific hobbies, but I love to work in my shop on different projects, like my music room. I'm just about finished with it, and while it's taken me a couple of years, it's been a labor of love.
- I love to watch football and baseball. I'm a huge Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers fan!!!
- I have lots of favorite songs, but I'd say "Chiseled in Stone" by Vern Gosdin and "Misery and Gin" by Merle Haggard are two of my all-time favorites.



- Currently, my favorite Gene song to play is "Raisin' Cane in Texas". It has lots of guitar in it.
- Guitar is my main instrument, but I also play drums, bass, and piano.
- My only other full-time artist gig was Johnny Lee, but I've had the privilege of getting to back numerous other artists over the years like Moe Bandy, TG Sheppard, Janie Fricke, Jeanie Seely, JoEl Sonnier, and others.

2019 Tour Schedule

January 12	Private Show	
January 19	Gilley's Choctaw Casino	Pocola, OK
January 27-February 2	CFR Cruise	The Caribbean
February 9	Spencer Theater PAC	Ruidoso, NM
February 15	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
February 16	The New Granbury Live	Granbury, TX
February 23	Star Pavilion at Ameristar Casino	Kansas City, MO
March 1	Sumter Opera House	Sumter, SC
March 2/3	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, FL
March 6	Strawberry Festival	Plant City, FL
March 8	Walhalla Civic Auditorium	Walhalla, SC
March 10	Siesta Bay RV Resort	Ft. Myers, FL
March 15 & 16	Ross Country Jamboree	Scottsburg, IN
March 29	Coleman Theater	Miami, OK
March 30	Windstone Entertainment Center	Jefferson City, MO
April 13	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, K
April 20	Paradise Theater at Margaritaville Casino	Bossier City, LA
April 27	The Concho Palace	San Angelo, TX
May 3	Little Roy and Lizzie Festival	Lincolnton, GA
May 4	Red Barn Convention Center	Winchester, OH
May 9	Palace Theatre	Corsicana, TX
May 10	Waco Hippodrome Theatre	Waco, TX

2019 Tour Schedule continued

May 11	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, TX
May 25	Music City Texas Theatre	Linden, TX
June 15	Sugar Creek Casino (w/Moe Bandy)	Hinton, OK
June 21	Golden Nuggett	Lake Charles,
June 22	Imperial Palace (IP) Casino	Biloxi, MS
June 28	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX
July 26	Great Texas Balloon Race	Longview, TX
August 2	Carl Perkins Civic Center	Jackson, TN
August 15	NC Bluegrass Festival	Marion, NC
August 17	Liberty Showcase	Liberty, NC
October 12	Renfro Valley Entertainment Center	Renfro Valley, KY
October 18	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, MO
October 25 & 26	Kentucky Opry	Benton, KY
November 2	Lebanon H.S. Gym (w/Moe Bandy)	Lebanon, VA
November 8	The Mansion Theatre	Branson, MO
November 15	Main Street Crossing	Tomball, TX

Watch Gene Watson's performances on "Country's Unbroken Circle" on RFD-TV, Friday, December 14th at 8:00pm ET/7:00pm CT. And re-airs on Saturday, December 15th at 12 Midnight ET/11:00pm CT. Then watch Friday, December 28th, 2018 at 7:00pm CT and repeat airing on December 29th at 11:00pm CT.



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FRI, 12/14 @ 8/7 CST & SAT, 12/15 @ 12AM/11PM CST

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TRIVIA CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to Sam Murray of West Columbia, S.C., who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: The question : What month and day is Gene Watson's birthday? The answer: October 11th. For your chance to win an autographed tee shirt, just answer the trivia 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 Gene Watson's Fan Club, just sign up at www.GeneWatsonMusic.com. Only Fan Club members get the Trivia Question!