



# GENE WATSON

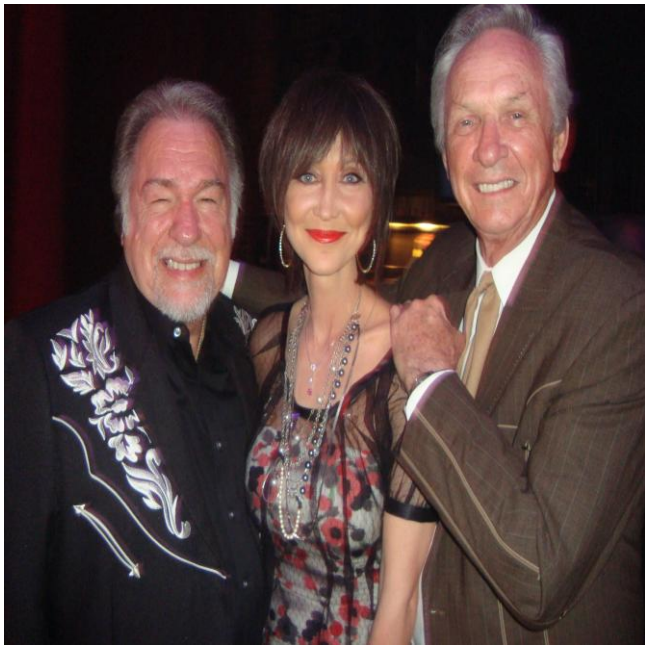


**GRAND OLE OPRY NIGHT**

**AUGUST 26, 2011**

**Aug-Sept 2011**

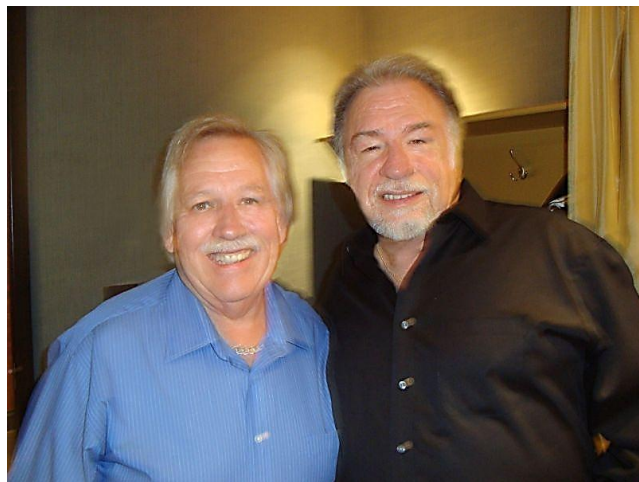
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**TILLIS TIMES TWO** : Gene enjoyed talking with Pam Tillis and her Dad, Hall of Famer, Mel Tillis, backstage at the Grand Ole Opry on August 26<sup>th</sup>.



**THE WHITES** : Cheryl White and Gene are deep in conversation about a Gospel tune as they stand just off the Opry stage while Buck White, patriarch of The Whites stands nearby.

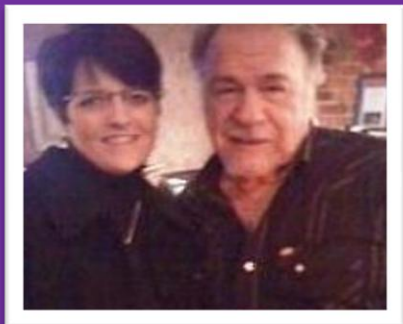


**A COMMON MAN** : John Conlee dropped by Gene's dressing room at the Opry for a visit. John and Gene have shared the stage many times over the years. John Conlee scored his first hit in 1978 with "Rose Colored Glasses."



### **THREE AMIGOS**

Gene is a huge fan of both Joe Diffie (left) and Bill Anderson (right) so it was fun for all three when they met in the hallway of the Opry and snapped this photo.



## Susan Wilson and Gene Watson

Photo taken at Sellersville, PA

November 7, 2010

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** Currently I live in Easton, Pennsylvania. I moved here in July of 2007 after accepting a job in the area. I'm originally from Lexington, Kentucky and plan on returning to my home state in 2012 to live near my parents in Georgetown, KY. Pennsylvania is a beautiful state and I have enjoyed my time here but I'm definitely a "southern" gal. The old saying is true, "You can take the girl out of the country but you can't take the country out of the girl".

**WHAT TYPE WORK DO YOU DO?** I work in clinical research and have been employed in the research industry for the past 20 years. I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in "Interior Design & Housing"; however, I've always had a passion for the medical field.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:** I am single and my family resides in Kentucky. Along with my parents and siblings, I have six nieces and nephews that I can't wait to be with again. No pet at the moment but plan on adding a Brittany spaniel to the family when I return.

**WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 GENE SONGS?** Wow, I didn't realize how tough this question would be, especially since I listen to Gene daily during my 80 mile round trip commute. Right before I pull into work every morning I have a few songs that I like to crank up loud to set the tone for the day. Some days it might be "Hey Louella" since it always makes me smile while trying to sing along and especially when Gene adds that touch of "raspy Conway" at the end. Other days it might be "New Woman" this song can give a girl just the right amount of attitude to make it through any day.

But for my top five I've selected songs that were released on albums spanning from 1977 to 2007:

1. I Knew We Could Never Love For Long (1977)
2. Between This Time and The Next Time (1981)
3. Couldn't Love Have Picked A Better Place to Die (1997)
4. Would It Be Cheating (2001)
5. What Was I Thinking (2007)

**WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?** Music has always been a huge part of my life. I started playing piano in church at the age of 13 and continued to play off and on until I moved to Pennsylvania. My parents also introduced me to the Opry at an early age and as I grew older I continued to visit the Opry. One of my brothers, now deceased, was an Elvis impersonator. My other brother had a country band and I tagged along as the little under aged sister to every bar and VFW around our home town. Besides the piano/keyboard I would love to learn how to play the steel guitar. My favorite past time while living in Pennsylvania is attending country music shows in the many small venues throughout the state.

**WHEN/WHERE DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT GENE?** I don't remember exactly when I first heard of Gene Watson but I'm sure it had to be early on since the only music I listened to was country, gospel or Elvis. As I got older, the song I remember hearing the most was "Fourteen Carat Mind". There was a local band that would sing that song as soon as my brother and I walked in the door. They added a little twist to the song, instead of '...standing out in front of Wilson's five and dime' they would sing '...standing out in front of Billy Wilson's five and dime'.

**HOW MANY CONCERTS HAVE YOU ATTENDED?** For years I've wanted to see Gene Watson but never had the opportunity until November 2010 in Sellersville, PA. The evening was flawless and when Gene belted out the last line of "Farewell Party", the crowd went crazy. I knew at that moment that I had just witnessed the best country show of my life. I have two more shows planned this year and working on two more shows at the beginning of 2012. Thank you Gene Watson for sharing your passion, I will forever be a FAN!



**GENE HONORED AT WESTERN FILM FAIR**

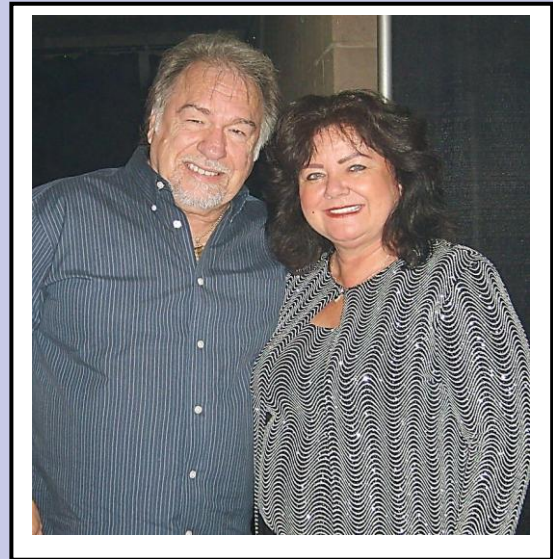
Gene is proud to be the 2011 recipient of the Ernest Tubb Memorial Award from the national Western Film Festival association. The awards presentation was held in Winston-Salem, NC on July 23, 2011. While there Gene enjoyed meeting and talking with such luminaries as Shirley Jones (“Partridge Family” TV series, musical “Oklahoma”), Dan Haggerty (“Grizzly Adams”), Connie Stevens (“Hawaiian Eye”), Felix Silla (Cousin It of “The Addams Family”), Twiki (the robot from “Buck Rogers In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century” ), Sherry Jackson ( “Peter Gunn” ), Ed Nelson (“Peyton Place”), Tammy Locke (“The Monroes”) and more. The presentation to Gene was made at the Saturday night banquet and Gene stated “It is such an honor to receive this award. I’m a huge fan of the classic Western films and TV series and probably an even bigger fan of the legend, Ernest Tubb. With all of that represented in this award, I am truly humbled to receive it.”



Above photo: Gene accepts the Ernest Tubb Memorial Award at the Western Film Fair on July 23, 2011.

**WESTERN FANS**

Tammy Locke is most well known for her role in the Western TV series “The Monroes” (1967). She’s also a singer and was the entertainment for the film festival. Here’s Tammy pictured at right with Gene, one of her favorite country singers.



**PAPER ROSIE**

Photo Left : Gene is onstage at Renfro Valley, KY singing one of his most requested songs, “Paper Rosie”. Over the years, many fans have brought roses to the stage for Gene when he sings this song and it never ceases to bring a smile from Gene. For all the Renfro Valley fans, mark your calendars - Gene is booked there for Friday, September 28, 2012.



**ON THE ROAD :** Gene and the Farewell Party Band always enjoy their shows on the road. This photo was taken at Renfro Valley, KY 8/27/11.



**WHAT A SHOW!** The casino at Zia Park in Hobbs, NM knows how to party. August 13<sup>th</sup> they hosted this show (Left to right): Jim Ed Brown, Billy Troy, Jeannie Seely and Gene.

**AND THE WINNER IS.....**

In the last newsletter, fan club members were asked "What song from the new duet album with Rhonda Vincent is a newly recorded version of one of Gene's former hit singles? We're happy to say that so many of you knew the answer is "You Could Know As Much About A Stranger" that we drew TWO names this time for an autographed Gene Watson T-Shirt.

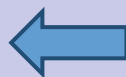
The lucky two names pulled from the cowboy hat are: EVIE DRESSER and IRA HOBDY.

Only fan club members receive the contest trivia question by email so if you'd like to play for your chance to win, simply sign up for the free membership at [www.GeneWatsonMusic.com](http://www.GeneWatsonMusic.com).

**TOUR DATES**

- September 10 Knob Lick, MO
- September 16 Opry show Nashville, TN
- September 17 Benton, KY
- September 22 Lawrenceville, GA
- September 23 Pigeon Forge, TN
- September 24 Buena Vista, VA
- September 27 Paris, TX
- October 1 Green Island, IA
- October 2 Sandstone, MN
- October 6 Lincolnton, GA
- October 7 Mt. Airy, NC
- October 8 Chocowinity, NC
- October 10 Hiawasse, GA

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**FAREWELL PARTY**  
**BAND\*\*\*Guitar**  
**Player\*\*\* BRIAN**  
**KELLEY !**

**Where is home:** Temple, TX ---born and raised there.

**Married or Single:** Married – no kids yet

**What guitar do you play:** G&L ASAT Classic

**Before Gene, what band did you play with:** I was on the road with Rick Trevino.

**Do you play any other instruments?** Trumpet

**Who are your guitar heroes or influences:** Stevie Ray Vaughn, Brent Mason, Brad Paisley

**What are your favorite Gene Watson songs to perform on stage:** “Fourteen Carat Mind” and “Memories To Burn”

**Are there any of Gene’s songs you’d like him to sing more often?** “You’re Out Doing (What I’m Here Doing Without)” and “The Old Man and His Horn”



**What do these two legends have in common?** Mel Tillis (left) was in the Clint Eastwood movie “Every Which Way But Loose” and Gene recorded the song “Any Way You Want me” for Clint Eastwood’s movie “Any Which Way You Can”.

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