



Gene Watson Fan Club Halloween Newsletter

Dear Friends -

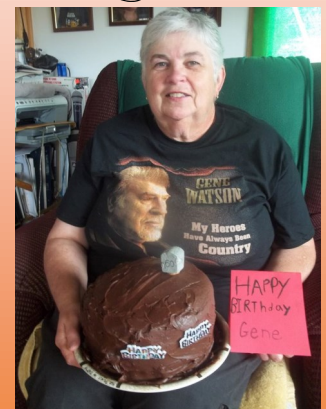
We've got a SPOOKTACULAR newsletter this month for you. Looks like we fell into a pumpkin patch! October is usually a pretty good month, after all, I had the good luck to be born in that month. Speaking of that, I sure do appreciate all of you who wished me a happy birthday October 11th. I enjoyed reading your nice cards, letters and greetings on my Facebook page. I even received a birthday cake at my show in Dublin, GA that evening. So thanks to all of you for making it a very special day.

We've had the pleasure of seeing a great many of you at our shows the past couple of months. We had four shows in Ontario, Canada in September and visited with a lot of good people there. Can't say that I ate the famous Poutine this time but was a witness to a lot of it being devoured. For those that don't know, that's French fries smothered in a brown gravy with cheese curds on top of that. From Canada we traveled to NC, OH, MO, IL, KY, GA and of course Texas. We really enjoyed playing my hometown Red River Valley Fair in Paris, TX. It's always great to see old friends there. Speaking of traveling, December looks like it will be an interesting month. You can come see us in Nashville, TN, Yuma, Arizona or Las Vegas, NV! Last time we were in Vegas there was a lady sitting in front of the cash machine. Every time she put in a dollar, 4 quarters came out and she was happy to be "winning"! We may put Staley on that machine.

Thank you for listening to the music and coming to the shows. The band and I appreciate you every day. Take care,



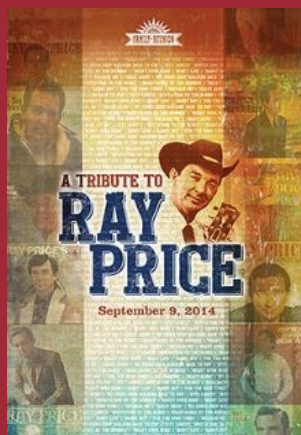
October 11th, Gene Watson's birthday, found Gene and the band in Dublin, Georgia for a show! The ladies at the Dublin Theater made sure Gene got to celebrate his birthday in style with a banner and a cake they presented to him on stage at the show!



Fan Sue Ells of Canada shared her own birthday cake with wishes for Gene Watson!



Three Amigos from Texas: Curtis Potter, former Ray Price band member, Moe Bandy, and Gene Watson are seated on the set of Country's Family Reunion taping, waiting to sing their favorite Ray Price tunes.



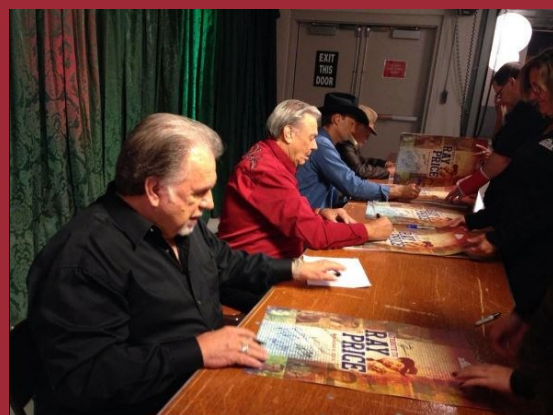
This series will air in 2015 on RFD-TV.



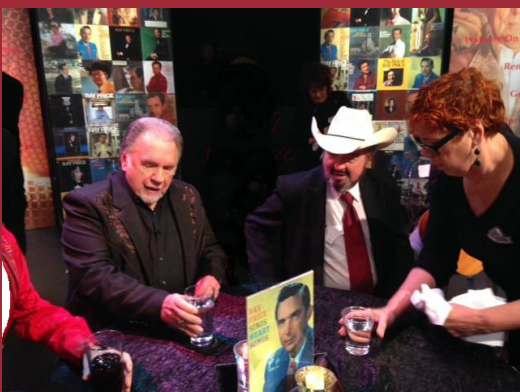
Jim Ed Brown and Gene had plenty of Ray Price memories to share that day.



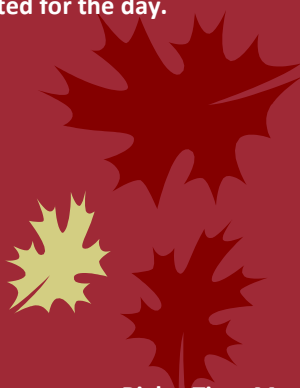
Left: Wade Hayes, who scored his biggest hits in the 1990s with "Old Enough to Know Better" and "On a Good Night" on Columbia Records is also a colon cancer survivor like Gene. Gene and Wade enjoyed a few minutes of conversation before the taping started for the day.



Before the cameras rolled, all the artists appearing that day stopped to sign posters for charity use. Seen here are Gene, Jim Ed Brown and Wade Hayes.

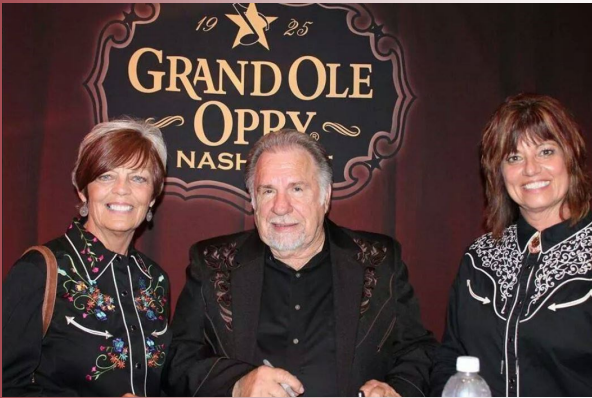


Two Texas legends, Gene Watson and Johnny Bush enjoyed spending time together. Johnny wrote the hit song "Whiskey River" which was a hit for him as well as Willie Nelson. In 1963, Bush joined Ray Price's band, the Cherokee Cowboys. Also in the band at that time were Willie Nelson and Darrell McCall.



Right: Time Marches On: Gene Watson and Tracy Lawrence snapped this photo prior to the start of the show taping. Tracy Lawrence has eight # 1 singles including these well-known titles "Sticks and Stones", "Alibis" and "Find Out Who Your Friends Are".





Sept. 2nd following the Grand Ole Opry Show, Gene Watson signed copies of his new CD in the Grand Ole Opry Store and visited with fans. Having their picture taken here with Gene Watson are fans Donna Lidester (left) and Linda Earl (right), both from Indiana.



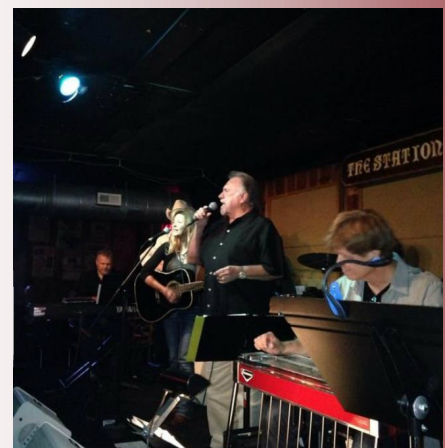
Congratulation to Chip Bricker, Farewell Party Band piano man, on his ETX Music Award for Best Keys Player Of The Year for 2014!



Gene Watson, Rhonda Vincent and Joe Nichols - Station Inn



Gene Watson Fan Forum member Cindy Wojtas of Windsor, ON won this coffee mug with a photo of Gene and the Farewell Party Band in a contest sponsored on the Fan Forum!



September 16, 2014 Gene Watson, Rhonda Vincent and Joe Nichols were all surprise guests for the delighted crowd attending the 45 RPM show at Nashville's famous Station Inn on September 16th. Each artist sang a few songs with the band, ending in thunderous applause for each. Rhonda and Gene reprised their duet hits "Together Again" and "My Sweet Love Ain't Around" and Gene closed as always with "Farewell Party".

October 26, 2014 - As a tribute to country songwriter, Hank Cochran's induction into the Country Music Hall Of Fame, Gene performed "Don't You Ever Get Tired Of Hurting Me" and received a standing ovation. Besides Hank Cochran, Hall Of Fame inductees for this year were Mac Wiseman and Ronnie Milsap.



Gene and Hall of Famer, Brenda Lee are happy to see each other backstage. Brenda is the only female artist to be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall Of Fame, the Country Music Hall Of Fame, and the Rock n' Roll Hall Of Fame.



Gene was delighted to run into the great Charley Pride who confided to Gene that he loves to listen to Gene's music in his car and two of his favorite Gene songs are "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You" and "You're Out Doing (What I'm Here Doing Without)."



It's just not a fun night without Ms. Jeannie Seely. Jeannie was once married to the great Hank Cochran who penned her Grammy award winning hit, "Don't Touch Me".



Gene and Sam Moore of the R&B due, Sam & Dave, shared a few laughs with Charlie Daniels. Sam is a member of the Rock n' Roll Hall Of Fame for such super hits as "Hold On, I'm Coming" and "Soul Man".



Left: Gene visited with Vince Gill at the reception ceremony. Vince was on hand to sing for inductee, Mac Wiseman, as well as to duet with Sam Moore on the Ronnie Milsap hit "Lost In The Fifties Tonight".

FAN SPOTLIGHT ON DEE PALMER FROM ATHENS, GEORGIA!



Dee meets Gene Watson at the Georgia Mtn. Fall Festival in Hiawassee, GA!

Q: Where do you live? I live in Athens, GA right where I was born. I'm a Georgia Bulldawg through and through.

Q: Are you married/single - have a family or pets? I am a crazy cat lady from way back. Have done animal rescue for years and have had as many as 40 rescued cats and dogs at one time but now I have only about a dozen cats and 2 dogs (all spayed and neutered, of course!). I am engaged to a wonderful man who also loves animals and we are taking care of his son's dog while he is in the Army. We are getting married in December so lots of wedding plans going on right now!

Q: What type work do you do? I've worked at a college for faculty and graduate students for over 30 years and part of that includes a program where we work with children out in the schools to improve their reading. It is the most rewarding and best part of my job, seeing those kids as the words start to have meaning and they can read a whole book and the smiles are contagious!

Q: What are your Top Five Gene songs? Farewell Party, Nothing Sure Looked Good On You, At Last, The Great Divide and all the rest of his songs tied for 5th. My fiancé would jokingly say that 14 Carat Mind has to be in my top 5 because that song is me made over and on a recent trip to the beach he had to buy me a seashell bracelet which coincidentally cost exactly \$7. LOL

Q: If you could only take ONE Gene Album to a desert island, which one would it be? Whichever one has the most songs on it because I can NEVER get enough of Gene and the Farewell Party Band. His music to me is like yoga to some people, it is soothing and always makes me smile and totally mellows my mood as soon as I hear his voice. I've heard him called the singer's singer but he is the fan's singer. He sings straight to us and I even get emotional a little at some of his sadder songs like Paper Rosie. He sings with his heart seems like to me. Oh and I just bought Gene's newest cd when we saw him at the Georgia Mountain Fair (first time I'd seen Gene in years and years since the dozen or so times I'd seen him at the J & J Center in Athens back in the 80s) and I just LOVE "Make the World Go Away" and "Slide Off of Your Satin Sheets."

Q: If you could ask Gene to sing a COVER of another famous song, what song would that be? I am a huge Elvis fan and even saw him a couple of times in the early 70s. I'd love for him to do "Love Me Tender." I know Gene could totally melt me with that song every bit as much as Elvis did.

Q: What are your hobbies? I seem to be making a hobby of going out and listening to a lot of local bands lately. Every weekend I'm finding another local band around Athens/Atlanta we've never heard before, mostly country and some Southern rock. I have always just sort of listened to the radio and stuck with the national artists but with satellite radio I'm hearing a lot of smaller labels or even artists who aren't signed and that has turned me onto all the many local bands I'd been missing out on. So very much talent here in Athens and around Atlanta and the South I can't even believe it! Georgia seems to have a lot of musicians who've made it big time lately and there are still dozens and dozens who should be big time in my opinion! I've found so many on Reverbnation.com and Facebook so thank you internet for opening up a whole new world of great music to me!

Q: Where / When did you first hear about Gene Watson? I first saw Gene Watson at the J & J Center in Athens in the early 80s and every time after that he'd come back I'd be the first one in line! Saw him at Lanierland a couple of times but mostly saw him in Athens. He'd sign autographs and talk to folks (still does!) and is so down to earth. Amazing somebody with such talent and such a following takes the time to make every single fan feel like a friend. I LOVE that about Gene!

Q: How many concerts have you attended? I've probably seen him at least 15 times but I could see him 50 times and still never get enough. He and the Farewell Party Band were just awesome at the Georgia Mountain Fair in mid-October. The guys in the band are amazing and just hilarious. The bass player has a personality like no other and made us laugh along with the keyboard player. LOL And the steel player who also played the saxophone is just amazing. All the guys put on a great show and anytime they play close enough to see them we will be there!!



Tour Schedule

Date	Venue	City/State/Country
November 1st	Caslan Center	Caslan, Alberta, Canada
November 2nd	Winspear Center Enmax Hall	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
November 7th	Bardstown Opry	Bardstown, Kentucky
November 8th	Newberry Opera House	Newberry, South Carolina
November 13th	Dosey Doe	The Woodlands, Texas
November 14th	Corsicana Opry & Event Center	Corsicana, Texas
November 15th	Choctaw Event Center	Durant, Oklahoma
November 20th	Osage Event Center at Osage Casino	Tulsa, Oklahoma
November 22nd	Music Country USA	New Boston, Texas
November 29th	45th Annual South Carolina State Bluegrass Festival	Myrtle Beach, SC
December 5th	Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman	Nashville, Tennessee
December 6th	CMA Theater at the Country Music Hall Of Fame	Nashville, Tennessee
December 12th	Boulder Station Casino	Las Vegas, Nevada
December 13th	Yuma Quartermaster Depot Historic State Park	Yuma, Arizona

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January 1st	New Year's Bluegrass Festival in Convention Center	Jekyll Island, Georgia
January 2nd	Living Truth Church	Pace, Florida
January 3rd	Tivoli Theatre	Chattanooga, Tennessee
January 23rd	Marion Cultural & Civic Center	Marion, Illinois
Jan. 31st—Feb 7th	Country's Family Reunion Cruise	Caribbean Sea
February 27th	Mill Town Music Hall	Bremen, Georgia
February 28th	Itawamba Community College	Fulton, Mississippi
March 13th	Arlington Music Hall	Arlington, Texas
March 20 & 21st	Ross Country Jamboree	New Washington, Indiana
April 10 & 11th	Orange Blossom Opry	Weirsdale, Florida
May 1st	Little Roy and Lizzy Music Festival	Lincolnton, Georgia
May 7th	Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts	Victoria, Texas
May 30th	Bluegrass On The Plains Festival	Auburn, Alabama



Tour Schedule - continued

Date	Venue	City/State/Country
June 5th	Cherokee Bluegrass Festival	Cherokee, North Carolina
June 13th	San Saba Street Dance	San Saba, Texas, USA
June 26th	Music In The Mountains Bluegrass Festival	Summersville, WV, USA
July 4th	The Texas Opry	Weatherford, Texas, USA
July 25th	Rural Retreat Heritage Days/Dr. Pepper Stage	Rural Retreat, Virginia, USA
November 6th	Country Tonite Theater	Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, USA
November 14th	Lovelady Old Gym	Lovelady, Texas, USA



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Trivia Contest Winner

Congratulations to **Alishia Hampton** of Antlers, Oklahoma, who submitted the winning entry for our last trivia contest question: “Name a song on Gene Watson’s current CD “My Heroes Have Always Been Country” that was first a hit by George Jones?”

And the answer: **“Walk Through This World With Me”**

The next trivia question: 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

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