










Bomshel (Kristy O), Jan Howard, Gene, Bombshel (Kelley Shepherd) at the Grand Ole Opry show on Friday, November 6, 2009



One of country music's greatest entertainers, Little Jimmy Dickens, visited with Gene backstage at the Opry on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Friends,

We're trying out this new newsletter system to see if it works better than the old one. We were sorry to hear a few reports that due to the large file size of our old newsletters some folks were receiving it multiple times. Anytime you have any issues just contact Ms. Sarah Brosmer at

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Several good things are in the works for 2010. In January, I'll be on the Grand Ole Opry cruise with Larry Gatlin, Jeannie Seely, Jim Ed Brown and Chuck Meade (from BR549 band). I know we're going to have a great time on the Carnival cruise ship, Valor, as we cruise the Western Carribean to Grand Cayman, Roatan, Belize and Cozumel. We'll have some great music and as Larry Gatlin points out often, we'll have plenty of great food and then some more great food. I hope you can join us there. Check it out at www.Oprycruise.com



Gene is a great admirer of the song-writing and singing talents of Rebecca Lynn Howard and was pleased to run into her backstage at the Opry; Rebecca Lynn wrote the title song, 'A Taste of the Truth' for Gene's new album.



Grand Ole Opry
Photo by Chris Hollo | (November 6, 2009)

As if that wasn't enough, we've been invited to join a cruise with Rhonda Vincent & The Rage ! The entire Farewell Party Band and I will be on the Carnival Cruise ship "Freedom" sailing February 13-20. This ship will sail to the Panama Canal, Costa Rica and Cozumel. I hope you can make plans to join us for all the great music , fun and of course...the great food. For more on this cruise go to

www.bluegrasscruise.com.

Also, throughout 2010, I'll be doing selected shows with Ms. Rhonda Vincent! We'll be sure to have Rhonda's name listed on these special tour dates. Each of us will be doing our own show and then I'll join Rhonda on a few songs and she'll join me. Should be a whole lot of fun so hope you'll check it out and come see us.

I hope you're doing well, keeping in good health and most of all I hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family.

Thinking of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Vincent".



Gene shares a fun moment with Too Slim of Riders In the Sky backstage at the Opry (Friday, November 6, 2009)

'Staying Together' Music Video

You can also watch the new video for 'Staying Together' by Gene Watson & Rhonda Vincent on [GAC](#) (Great American Country) & at [CMT](#).

Congratulations!

To Gene Watson for winning Real Country Network's Listeners Choice Award for 'Legend of the Year'. Gene beat out other nominees George Strait, Reba McEntire, Hank Williams Junior & Randy Travis for the honor.

[Read the article here](#)

TOUR DATES 2009 / 2010

December 17, 2009 Epcor Centre (Jack Singer Hall)
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

January 24-31, 2010 Grand Ole Opry Cruise, Carnival Cruise Ship - VALOR

February 10, 2010 Florida State Fair (multiple act show)
Tampa, FL

February 13-20, 2010 Cruise with Rhonda Vincent,
Carnival Cruise Ship - FREEDOM

March 27, 2010 Orange Blossom Opry, Weirsdale,
FL

To book Gene Watson, please call Carrie at Third Coast Talent on (615) 333-7235



Woody Woodruff of the Farewell Party Band

Q: Where do you call home?

A: Born in Greenville, Texas and raised in Plano, Texas. I now live in Jacksonville, Texas.

Q: When did you first play professionally?

A: My first paying job was at age 18, playing country music at a VFW Hall in Plano, TX. Later on I played guitar for country artist, Ronna Reeves, and had a regular gig in Branson, MO.

Q: Besides guitar, what other instruments do you play?

A: It's probably easiest to say what I don't play : Horns and Fiddle. I've played everything from drums, pedal steel to mandolin.

Q: Do you have any special hobbies?

A: I raise hog hunting dogs, specifically Catahoula Bulldogs. Right now I have 7 breeding dogs.



Q: If you weren't a professional musician, what job would you have?

A: I'd be a chef! I love to cook, especially Tex Mex and Cajun dishes. I probably would have gone to culinary school.

THE WINNER IS!

The last newsletter contest posed the question:

Name the #11 track on Gene's **A Taste of the Truth** CD.

The answer was 'I Know An Ending'

Norita Olsson of Downs, IL: Norita will receive a Gene Watson autographed T-Shirt!
Congratulations Norita!!!

NEW CONTEST

What city was Gene born in? Know the answer?
Send your answer to Artist@Lytlemgmt.com for a chance to win an autographed Gene Watson T-Shirt.

www.genewatsonmusic.com &
www.gene-watson.com

What's my personal favorite food?
That would be Crawfish Etoufee.

Q: What is your favorite Gene Watson song to play?

A: "Fourteen Carat Mind" because I like pickin' on it.

Q: Who are some of your musical influences?

A: Brent Mason, Stevie Ray Vaughn

Q: Name some Gene Watson songs you WISH he performed every night?

A: "I Wonder How It Is In Colorado", "I Don't Know How To Tell Her She Don't Love Me Anymore", "If I Could Paint You A Picture"