



Johnny Bush

February 17, 1935 - October 16, 2020

I was there in 1974 when Johnny Bush started losing his voice.

The public and the press had labeled Bush the “Country Caruso.”

No other male voice in country music could match Bush’s soaring operatic pipes. He was signed on the RCA label at the time, and a tune he wrote titled Whiskey River was steadily climbing the charts. It was his first single on RCA. Then it happened.

The beautiful voice suddenly died away to a pitiful rasping croak. None of us knew what to say. I will never forget Bush’s response when I asked him what he intended to do.

There were tears in his eyes when he answered with little more than a raspy whisper:

“I will sing. I have to sing. I will find a way.”

Willie Nelson, Bush’s longtime friend and picking partner, told me he thought Bush had injured his voice singing in a vocal range that was too high.

Johnny knew better.

“Hitting those highs was as easy as breathing for me,” Bush said. “I knew it was something else.”

Months and years went by before Bush got an answer. There were voice lessons, voice coaches, and painful attempts to sing or even talk at times.

It was something else, okay, a rare vocal disorder called spasmodic dysphonia. And the rest is history. With help from Dr. Blake Simpson and a series of botox injections directly into his throat muscles, Johnny Bush

regained more than 70 percent of his singing voice and jump-started his career with a deeper and more controlled and resonant vocal output which was still the unmistakable Bush sound.

As the years rolled by, John and I developed a friendship that had grown exponentially stronger. We were both 85 at the beginning of this month, and both of us had experienced medical problems that included my bout with metastatic thyroid cancer and Bush's history of heart and respiratory problems. We talked a lot about God and our mistakes which somehow led us to varied forms of spiritual reflection and recovery.

I knew John had been failing fast over the past few months, but I wasn't ready for the news of his death. He died of pneumonia on October 16, my 31st year sobriety birthday.

I first saw the news on Facebook. I told my wife Sharon that Johnny was gone, then I went out behind my Bulverde wood shed and bawled like a baby. Sharon went back to bed and covered up her head.

Johnny Bush was our special friend. He was also one of the greatest all-around talents country music has ever known. In addition to his unique voice and singing style, Bush was an accomplished drummer, fiddle player, and guitarist who made it into the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Fittingly, Bush's best friend, Willie Nelson, did the inducting honors.

Bush entertained me with stories from the beginning years when he and Willie worked on Radio Station KBOP in Pleasanton. Nelson was the disc jockey, Bush the weather man.

"I would raise a window, look outside, and then give the forecast," John told me. "If it was clear or cloudy, that was it. I predicted rain if the raindrops were hitting the station window."

I remember a lot of it, but credit Tracy Pitcox, president of Heart of Texas Records in Brady, for assembling background information which is all part of Johnny's abundant legacy.

Bush was born in Houston's blue-collar neighborhood of Kashmere Gardens. He was influenced by Bob Wills, Ernest Tubb, Lefty Frizzell, and

Hank Thompson before playing in Willie Nelson's early group The Record Men. Willie bankrolled Johnny's first album in 1967, *Sound of a Heartache*. In 1952 Bush moved to San Antonio from Houston. As a drummer he worked for bands that included Mission City Playboys, The Texas Plainsmen and the old Texas Top Hands. When Johnny hooked up with Ray Price's Cherokee Cowboys, the road to Nashville materialized. As a Cherokee Cowboy, Bush was in familiar company. Willie was on lead guitar, Johnny on drums, Darrell McCall on bass, and Jimmy Day on Steel.

When Willie, Bush, and McCall left Price to form their own groups, Ray was heard to say, "I lost my band when most all of them went off to become stars." A series of regional hits on the Stop label followed Bush's first album, including *Undo the Right*, *What a Way to Live*, *You Gave Me a Mountain*, and *I'll Be There*. These were all regional hits that reached the top-20 nationally. Bush thought his voice loss meant he was being punished by God for his promiscuity, drinking, and drug use. He was raised a Baptist, but didn't reclaim his faith until he met privately with the late Buckner Fanning, pastor of San Antonio's Trinity Baptist Church.

"Buckner explained that God didn't do it. He led me back to the Lord. And then I met Dr. Blake Simpson who gave me the botox shots that rescued my career," Bush said.

It was during Bush's blackest days that Willie Nelson recorded a version of *Whiskey River* in double-time. This resulted in a spike of writer royalties for Bush and a subsequent Bush tune which implored: *Willie Don't Stop Singing Whiskey River, it's the only thing keeping me alive*.

Good things began to happen for Bush, including a 1986 project with Darrell McCall that included a successful honky-tonk album titled *Hot Texas Country*. After his induction into the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, he released an autobiography, *Whiskey River (Take My Mind): The True Story of Texas Honky-Tonk*, published by University of Texas Press. Released at the same time was a new album, *Kashmere Garden Mud: A Tribute to Houston's*

Counry Soul.

Bush was unselfish and possessed of that rare quality known as humility. I never heard him put down a fellow musician, and his tireless work with people afflicted with speech disorders netted him the Annie Glenn Award, named for the wife of John Glenn by the National Council of Communicative Disorders for his work in bringing attention to the spasmodic dysphonia affliction.

Johnny was a mentor of sorts to many of the younger musicians. He lent his voice on recordings by Dale Watson and Reckless Kelly, to name only a few. On the Brady-based Heart of Texas label, Johnny released recordings that include Little White Lies, Reflections, Who'll Buy My Memories. The label released a duet single with Justin Trevino titled Texas on a Saturday Night and a duet with Johnny Rodriguez titled Texas Legends.

I featured my friend on numerous covers of Action Magazine, the entertainment tabloid I published for 40 years, and Bush closed out all three Action anniversary concert shows held at Texas Pride Barbecue in Adkins. "You can always count on me for help," John told me. "I will always be with you."

As always, Johnny wowed the crowds with his powerful vocals and humble demeanor. He was always the consummate professional. John wore stockman blocked cowboy hats with the brim swept high on both sides. His pointy-toed cowboy boots looked like they were spit-shined just before every show. I never saw Bush on a stage in T-shirt and tennis shoes; His jeans always bore a military-style crease, and Bush closed out the Action Magazine shows as he has closed out every performance through his storied career with a deep bow from the waist down as his audiences went wild.

They saw what I have known for more than 40 years. Johnny Bush was a Christian gentleman and a true class act.

Bush loved his family, including daughter Gaye Litton, who he always characterized as an "angel" in human form for her tireless work with women substance abusers sent to Alpha Home for recovery.

I asked Gaye why she chose me to write this tribute. Her answer was all I

could ever have wanted.

Daddy loved you, and I know he would want you to write his tribute.”

Survivors include wife Lynda Bush; former wife Jean Shinn, mother of daughter Gaye Lynn Litton; daughter, Gaye Lynn Litton and husband Mark; brother Gene Shinn and his wife Nema; step-daughter Christine Hecker and husband Mike; grandchildren Ashley Scott and husband Andrew, Ryan Preston and wife Kelly, Stephen Litton, and Amanda Skeeters and husband Casey; great grandchildren Cooper Scott, Connor Scott, and Charles Preston; and several neices and nephews.

Johnny was preceded in death by stepson Trey Kilian. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to one of the following--National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association, Dysphonia.org, or The Alpha Home Alpha

Services have been entrusted to Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries. Obituary written by Sam Kindrick.

A very special Television Tribute to Johnny Bush will be broadcast on KABB Fox29 on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
319 E. Mulberry Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212

Interment

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Special Television Tribute to Johnny Bush

OCT **25**. 7:30 AM.

KABB Fox 29

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Johnny Bush*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 22, 2020 at 01:58 PM

RM

“ *Johnny Bush was my mentor in music and had a great part in my life he will be missed for sure by me.*

Rafe McDougal - July 19, 2022 at 06:17 PM

BN

“ *South Texas has truly lost their Honky Tonk angel, it will never be the same without him. May he rest in peace.*



Barbara McOsker Nowotny - November 05, 2020 at 10:34 AM

BS

“ *What a voice he was a true singer, loved listening to him sing. I always thought of him as a Singers, (Singers) that what I called him. What a sad day to hear he passed, seems like all the true talented singers are leaving us, its so sad. A true talent and nice guy. But his beautiful voice and his memory will forever be remembered. God be with his family and all of us who appreciated him and his music and we thank them for sharing him with thoses of us who truly appreciated him . REST IN PEACE JOHNNY I WOULDN" T FORGET YOU. MOST SINCERELY BETTY SMITH*



BETTY SMITH - October 31, 2020 at 10:28 PM

MB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



michelle baker - October 28, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



sharon hale - October 27, 2020 at 05:45 PM

SV

“ *I would just like to say I really like Johnny
Bush music....I can remember listening to Johnny in the 60's....*

Steve vail - October 27, 2020 at 05:34 PM

DL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dawna Luitjen - October 26, 2020 at 10:04 AM

VF

“ *My first husband and I were great fans of Johnny. The first time I
saw him was at the Lakeview Club in Bryan Texas. That was in the
late 60's. In fact just a few nights I had one of his records playing. I
didn't know he had passed away until today. He never recorded a
bad song. They were all of my favorites!
He will be missed.*

Veronica Fick - October 25, 2020 at 12:20 AM

SH

“ This is one of the last pictures/videos I found posted on the internet as John always ended his extraordinary performances. Making the heartbreaking loss of a very dear friend of 7-8 years even sadder. I have not been able to get to his shows for about a year now so I always checked after one to see what pictures/videos have been posted online, usually share and dash off quick message to let him know how I'd enjoyed them. Never once did he not reply back, the first time thanking me for being a “fan.” I told him that “fan” wasn't the word I'd use, that's what everyone else was, said I was a “Johnny Bush Cheerleader!!” (although I'd been fan of his music long before I met him! That one-a-kind, phenomenally unique voice just blew me away, not to mention his talent, delivery gave new meaning to traditional country music unlike anything I'd heard before!). I once told him they were saving me a money at iTunes.....okay, I fibbed and got a chuckle out of him. John was the only person that I recall who could turn a bad day or if I wasn't feeling well around and put a smile - or a giggle - on my face!!

Not only the unassuming, Elder Statesman of Texas Country Music, my friend, John, was as kind, caring, gentle, compassionate, loving a soul as I've ever met and I was truly blessed to know you. I shall always miss my dear friend, going to have many “a day without sunshine,”.



Sharon Hale - October 24, 2020 at 06:07 AM

ML

How very true, thank you sir.

mark litton - October 29, 2020 at 12:19 AM

SH

Thank you, Mark, I can't express how much your reply means to me right now.

I do go hope my candle for him was lit.....I'll probably be needing the light to find where he will be playing when I get there!!

sharon hale - October 30, 2020 at 04:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM

MW

“ Met Mr. Bush while he was visiting Weatherford for a show at the Tx Opry. Had the wonderful opportunity to spend some time with him on the tour bus talking about his amazing career. We laughed together and found many common threads in our lives and this was one of the most memorable and interesting interviews I have ever done. A True Country Music HERO that has done so much for the Texas music scene and the rest of the world. I left the bus knowing more about country music and the big names that made it. He was an amazing and wonderful man and I cherish the memories of him and his music for ever! Thank you for sharing him and his God given gift with the world.

Michael White
Real Texas Radio



MICHAEL WHITE - October 22, 2020 at 11:37 PM

DC

The sunshine has left my heart and the days mean less now

donald collins - December 10, 2020 at 04:09 PM

MW

“ I was just a little girl when I met Johnny. He was married to Mary Lou at the time and was related to me by this marriage. When I was seven years old Johnny asked my parents if I could act as his daughter for his song My Joy. My father took me to a location next to a railroad for photos with him for his song. As a thank you for helping Johnny he gifted me a puppy. I grew up and always had fond memories of the years Johnny was in our family. When I attended his concerts I would reintroduce myself to him as I was now grown and he always welcomed me warmly and would sing My Joy. Johnny you will be deeply missed and I hope you'll say hello to my mom when you meet up in heaven I'm sure y'all will have a great time playing cards. Prayers to your family for their loss.
Michelle Dolle Wanke

Michelle Wanke - October 22, 2020 at 10:38 PM

ML

Michelle, as I read your comments to Gaye, she showed me the promotion picture you speak of. Photo taken by Crash Stewart, Of Alamo Promotions.
And there you are, resting on a blanket sucking your thumb next to the tracks, near a hobo camp fire next to Johnny.
Dwyndie has her contact info, she ask that you reach out to her. So that you may have a copy of this treasured photo.

mark litton - October 23, 2020 at 01:25 AM

TT

“ Heaven has gained a boot wearing Angel, guitar playing, Texas music legend. Although I didn't know you personally, I, like most Texans and other Country Music Lovers, have enjoyed your music and had our lives enriched and souls uplifted with your songs. I will never hear Whiskey River and appreciate it more than I do now. I pray for comfort for your family and friends who were lucky enough to call you friend. Put in a good word for us down here, we need the Lord's intervention sooner than later.



Tawana Timberlake - October 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM

SK

My deepest sympathies to the entire family. Know that Johnny will forever be your guardian angel and will help the Lord walk you through the journey ahead. Thank you for sharing the music and legend that will always be the one and only Johnny Bush. Love, hugs and prayers. May he Rest in Peace and may the perpetual light shine upon him.

*S. Kraft
Edison Class of 79*

Shirley Kraft - October 22, 2020 at 08:39 PM

DB

“ He left so many memories of great music and fun evenings. Sincere condolences to the family and all that knew and loved him.

Diana Bordelon - October 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SK

“ We loved you then and we love you now, John. Sam and Sharon Kindrick.

Sam Kindrick - October 22, 2020 at 04:21 PM

TT

Sam, that was a beautiful obituary you wrote. Thank you.

Tawana Timberlake - October 22, 2020 at 05:58 PM

ML

Sam thank you so much for being there for Gaye and John. She never hesitated in asking you to write her fathers obituary. Thank you for a job well done !!!
Mark

mark litton - October 23, 2020 at 12:52 AM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sara Peiser - October 22, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.



October 22, 2020 at 03:22 PM

RM

“ About 2001, Levi asked if I would like to meet Johnny Bush. I answered YES, before the question was even finished. So he repeated and said they were playing at the Cabaret in Bandera in a few weeks and he would put my name on the guest list. It seemed like a long time away, but the date arrived and that night I met Smiley, Herb, Levi, and Johnny. Johnny said stick around and he'd call me up for a few tunes. I was having a great time, Smiley said I could go up on the third set. It was awesome playing with Johnny and I played the entire third set. After that Johnny asked me two questions. First, where have you been? Answer - Abilene, Texas. Second, if I would be interested in being on call if Smiley couldn't make a gig. Answer - YES. Then he said go give Lynda your phone number.

Sometime around 2003-2004 Johnny asked if I would be his drummer and things evolved into a professional and personal bond I could not imagine. It was awesome to hear him sing with beauty, power, range, and emotion that touched everyone who heard him. It was fantastic to see him with his fans, friends, and family. Johnny told me thousands of times, I love what I do. And I know he did. Johnny was a great friend and not enough time/space to put here. What ever little bit I did for Johnny, I did it with pride, honor, respect, enthusiasm, joy, professionalism, and love. To all the fans, friends, and musicians, thanks for the journey with Johnny.

Not only do I send my love to Lynda, Gaye, Christine, and the entire family during this time, I thank you for letting me be a part of the family.

Johnny, I miss you. I love you.

Time for the closing: Green Snakes on the Ceiling/Whiskey River medley.

Ronnie McHan - October 22, 2020 at 11:59 AM

ZE

Hey Ron, I regret I never got to see you play with Johnny. I remember when we worked together you telling me you were Johnny Bush's drummer, I thought that was cool.

Zeke Escobedo - October 22, 2020 at 03:56 PM

ML

*Ronnie was/is so much more than Johnny's Drummer !!!!
All those great musicians who played with him are family!!
Kind loving Gentleman, ever last one ..*

mark litton - October 23, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 22, 2020 at 10:57 AM

HS

“ *I met Johnny in February of 1992. I had retired from music and was an advertising manager for an Austin newspaper when Johnny talked me into "helping him out on a couple of gigs." Those gigs led to me being his steel guitarist for 14 years. But more than being the best "boss" I've had in the music business, he became my close friend, joke-sharer, and Masonic Brother. Though our musical partnership ended in 2006, our warm friendship and brotherhood carried on and we never failed to embrace each other with a hug and smile, and the question "heard any good new ones?" In whatever time the good Lord gives me to walk this Earth, I'll always carry my relationship with my Brother in my heart and memories. All my love to Lynda, Gaye, and the rest of the family.*

Herb Steiner - October 22, 2020 at 09:58 AM

MB

“ First, let me send my heart felt condolences to the entire family. I can only imagine how much your family will miss Johnny. This is Mike Bailey from Bradley Middle School. If you recall, The Mill Springs Cabin on my campus was vandalized back in 2013. Devastating for a program that receives no funding. Johnny heard about my misfortune and was quick to volunteer his time and talent to help me with a fundraiser to help defray the cost of the repairs which ran in the thousands of dollars. Without his help and generosity, it would have taken me months or perhaps years to raise enough money to get everything fixed. What a gentleman and hero he is of mine. Johnny had a big heart that he shared with so many people. Along with one of the most amazing voices to ever take the stage and sing country music. I along with thousands of fans will miss him. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.
Mike



Mike Bailey - October 22, 2020 at 08:09 AM

ML

Mr Bailey, that was a great experience for our entire family. Thank You for making that happen. And dealing with his young manager Johnny has at the time.

mark litton - October 23, 2020 at 02:13 AM

DD

“ I had the privilege as a long time radio DJ in the Tyler/Longview market to help promote the Johnny Bush show in April of 2019 at Liberty Hall in Tyler. I did a phone interview I aired on our station 104.1 The Ranch, then got to visit with Johnny a bit before I brought him on stage. He was so personable! He remembered my name, he remembered our radio interview and he sounded FANTASTIC!! Truly, you never know when someone is in their mid-80's how they will now sound, but his voice was strong and true and the band was on point as well. I loved his sound! Traditional Texas honky tonk is the best. His kindness was what I recall most. What a true legend!



diane day - October 22, 2020 at 06:57 AM

AB

“ Lynda, and your whole family, Clay and I send loving arms around each of you. We were so sad to hear of Johnny's passing. He will remain in our thoughts always, legend that he is, and dear friend of ours for so many years. We were always awestruck when he was around. I remember once in our living room, Lynda ... you and Johnny were sitting on the couch at our house after a gig Clay played at with Johnny as a guest star, along with others. It was late, maybe 1 in the morning or so, and there were about 30 people in the room and Clay handed Johnny a guitar and asked him to play. He did, and every single person there was mesmerized, in total awe that they were watching this famous songwriter and musician giving us all private performance. And then, Johnny pointed at several of the other musicians in the room, saying, I want to hear songs from you, and you and you ... And passed the guitar. He was so humble, and kind and sincerely loved hearing others' songs ... and even recorded some of theirs himself though he was the songwriter extraordinaire! We want to mention here that Sam Kindrick wrote a wonderful obituary, telling Johnny's story beautifully. Again, we send you our love, Lynda, and to your family. If Johnny is not resting entirely in peace, it's because he joined up with some old friends who welcomed him with music that does not have to end at Last Call.

Allene Blaker - October 21, 2020 at 10:10 PM

CG

“ We met him at Tin Star in Lee County Texas! We are so grateful we knew he was not only an amazing talent but also a gentleman! We love you Johnny Bush!!!

Cathy Beisert Gruetzner - October 21, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 21, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *I met Johnny about 1976 at Dance Town USA in Houston. After about a year of going and seeing him we talked him into coming to one of my friends house's after his show. We hung out and talked about all kinds of things. It was a great night that to this day I still brag about. He had nicknamed us the Oak Forest Gang as that was the area we lived. I joined the Navy not to long after that and spent a career serving the country so of course I did not see Johnny for many many years. When I retired I moved to the Fort Worth area and to my surprise Johnny was playing at the Longhorn Saloon several times a year. My wife and myself loved dancing to Johnny's music. It is very sad that Johnny is gone but his music will live on forever. We send our condolences to Lynda and Gaye and all the family.*

Steve Coker - October 21, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *R.I.P., Sir*



Marilyn Kopecky - October 21, 2020 at 06:12 PM

PK

“Gaye, My condolences to you and your family. I still remember when you told me you were Johnny Bush's daughter. Since your names were different, I never would have known otherwise. I did enjoy going to the dances back then. Seems like a long time ago. May God be with you. Pam Liska Kotara

Pamela Liska Kotara - October 21, 2020 at 05:52 PM

WB

“So very sorry to Lynda and the family, all Johns friends and fans. Praying during these difficult days. Your friends always Tony and Wanda Booth

Wanda Booth - October 21, 2020 at 05:47 PM

ES

“Erik, Sweden purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Johnny Bush.



Erik, Sweden - October 21, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RF

“Red and Gunilla(your Swedish Family) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Johnny Bush.



Red and Gunilla(your Swedish Family) - October 21, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Great American Insurance Group - FIS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Johnny Bush.*



Great American Insurance Group - FIS - October 21, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 21, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 21, 2020 at 10:43 AM

ES

“ I met Johnny in 1969, when he and his band played *The Peppermint Ball* in Sonora. We were all teenagers. He and I stayed in touch through the years. I visited with him on the radio about the song *"Green Snakes On The Ceiling"*. Johnny said, "Eddy, who in the world would ever want to listen to, or buy a song, about a deranged man, seeing green snakes on the ceiling and walking walls?" Well, a whole lot of people liked the song! I also enjoy the humor, in the song *"I Gotta Get Drunk"* with Dale Watson. I'm going to miss Johnny, but he left us so much of his music, to remember him.

Eddy Smith

Eddy Smith - October 20, 2020 at 07:28 PM

RV

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Johnny through a good friend of his for over 40 years and a classmate of mine, Dr. Wayne Yakes. we met for a lunch and I had the pleasure of sitting next to him and we carried on a great conversation. We talked about many of his accomplishments laughed when we got to subject of golf. He said he could play with me since I was just happy hitting the ball and getting my money's worth at the course!! He will always be remembered in my prayers. RIP Johnny Bush.

Rene Valero

Rene Valero - October 20, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 20, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Mr Johnny Bush was a legend in my heartache his passing can only leave me a Verse from one of my favorite Ray Price songs “And the soft rain was tear drops... for the angels all cried”. Rest In Peace Johnny Bush. I wish I had had the chance to meet you and see you in concert and I thank my parents who introduced me to your music at a young age. Your music is a staple of every beer drinking good time gathering at our house in St Hedwig. God Bless the family during this sad time*
Jodie Praesel-Wilson

Jodie Praesel-Wilson - October 20, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Dorothy K. Kinner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Bush.*



Dorothy K. Kinner - October 20, 2020 at 01:54 PM

SP

“ Prayers and family and friends of the wonder Man. I grew up listening and dancing to his music when he played at the Red Barn in Phelps Texas. He played at my Mother Wedding in Navasota Texas and he sang a special song at my Wedding in 2018 as I was walking down the isle. He was a blessing to all and to Country Music and he will be greatly missed.

Jason and Sherry Peixoto



sherry Peixoto - October 20, 2020 at 01:24 PM

KK

“ On behalf of the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association, we send our deepest sympathy to Lynda and Johnny's friend and family. A true troubadour whose music and words moved so many. We thank him also for using his voice to reach so many and raise awareness about the challenges he faced with spasmodic dysphonia. Rest easy, Johnny.

Kimberly Kuman - October 20, 2020 at 01:01 AM

SD

“ Prayers for comfort and peace Ms. Lynda for you and your entire family. Johnny meant so much to so many of us thanks for sharing him with us. God bless. Shawn Davis, Meeker Oklahoma

Shawn Davis - October 20, 2020 at 12:29 AM

PM

“ So very saddened to hear of the silencing of another extraordinary voice and not just in country music but the whole music industry! He was always up there with the greats and We always loved his joice of music! We played many of his songs on our jobs. We Played many a date with him over the 45 years we played, sometimes on the same bill and sometimes we backed him up on stage. So many memories but my favorite was the last time we spoke maybe a year ago when I was trying to locate Johnny Rodriques for a family of school friend of his who had died. Johnny selflessly worked on that for me for a couple days and we got to reminisce and catch up and most important to me, he got to talk to Perry before he passed away. I'll Never forget the lifetime of memories and the never to be repeated players (Buddy E., Randy R., Dickey O. Wiley Jones) and singers (Ray P., Merle H., George J., Johnny B., Patsy C.) who created it and shared it with us!! We've indeed been blessed to have known and experienced all this fabulous foot tapping country music & first hand! WOW!! All my love and Perry's too to his very blessed family.

Paula Metheny (Metheny Brothers Band)

Paula Metheny - October 19, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.*



October 19, 2020 at 05:35 PM

BR

“ *Rest In Peace you were one of the best.*

Buster Raymer - October 19, 2020 at 04:27 PM

MA

“ *Mitch Ballard and Kristen Townsend, BMI Austin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Johnny Bush.*



Mitch Ballard and Kristen Townsend, BMI Austin - October 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM

LT

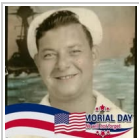
“ *I discovered Johnny Bush at the Tommy Alverson Family Picnic years ago and always made time to be at the stage for his music. Enjoyed him a few times at Willie's 4 th of July too. So sorry for your loss. RIP kind sir. Laura Trainor-Collins*

Laura Trainor-Collins - October 19, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ *He was my hero since I was 12 years old. We all as singers wanted to be like him. His legacy will live forever through those of us who play his music, and the fans young and old who'll still listen to his music. God bless you Johnny. May you Rest In Peace. 🙏*

billy mata - October 18, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Besides being a great Entertainer, he was also kind to those in need. I remember the great Bandera trail rides we did yearly in our younger years. What fun! Then the concert after we arrived in Bandera at the Cabaret, great memories. God bless his soul! Prayers to Lynda and family who are grieving their loss. John's ok, he's singing with the best musicians and friends in the heavenly band!*

Nancy Overbey - October 18, 2020 at 09:36 PM

JR

“Everybody remembers when they saw Mr. Johnny Bush doing what he loved to do. For my Wife it was at a company picnic for Hopp's Appliance in San Antonio in the mid 70's. For my Brother and I it was at KKYX's River Festivals or KKYX Chili Cookoffs.

What a VOICE!!! What a Gentleman!!! Another Great San Antonian and Texan in Heaven!!!

May He rest in the hands of the Lord Forever.

John Rosenthal - October 18, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Bush.



October 18, 2020 at 03:59 PM

NS

“Gaye- my condolences on the loss of your father. I am praying for you and your family.
Nancy Bohannan Simpson

Nancy Simpson - October 18, 2020 at 03:08 PM

LM

“ My sympathy and prayers to the Bush Family.
I enjoyed many dances where Johnny Bush performed; Esquire Ballroom-Hempstead Hwy Houston TX and Schroeder Dance Hall, Goliad County. His music and legacy will live in Texas Dance hall's forever. May your memories bring you the warmth of healing. God's Blessings .
Lana Schmidt Morris
Goliad County

Lana Schmidt Morris - October 18, 2020 at 02:49 PM

SY

“ Too many to list... first met him through Crash Stewart then all the years I worked at KKYX Radio. My brother Allen Chapman played with him at times and played bass on several of his albums. A kind and gentle man. RIP💙🎵. Sally Chapman Yates

Sally Yates - October 18, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ Gaye, my prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad was so kind to us all. My best memory that I always tell people is, your Dad was playing with Willie Nelson out at Floore's Country Store and we got to go on the bus to meet Willie Nelson, great times. Know that he will always be in your Heart!

Love your friend,
Joyce Gomez Hoover

Joyce Hoover - October 18, 2020 at 02:41 PM

GR

“ Johnny was a great friend I'll miss him Lynda I'm so sorry

Glenda Riley - October 18, 2020 at 02:25 PM



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Gary DeLaune - October 19, 2020 at 03:14 PM



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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Lola Maria King - October 18, 2020 at 02:16 PM

LK

“ *Memorial In Loving Memory of John Bush Shinn III "Johnny"*

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/217036252/john-bush-shinn_1
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Sending our love and prayers out to his wife Linda, his family and many friends. ❤️

Lola Maria King - October 18, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CC

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Craig Copeland - October 18, 2020 at 12:18 PM

BC

“ *Gaye, I have many memories of your dad, and one of my favorites is when he took the volleyball team to San Pedro Drive In and told us to hide in the camper of his truck as he “snuck us in”. We crammed ourselves into ever cabinet/closet we could find, only to discover the ticket stubs where he had paid for all of us! He loved you so much and was such a nice man. Reading all the tributes to him on the different websites show how much he meant to so many people. You were the sparkle in his eyes and his pride in you was always evident. Love you. Betsy ❤️*

Betsy Chandler - October 18, 2020 at 12:34 AM

GN

“ *The Heavens received an Angel with a beautiful voice. Johnny was a kind, amazing man! If you listen you can hear him singing with the Angels with his very beautiful voice. “Go Rest High On That Mountain” Johnny. Jack is waiting on you.*



Gayle Litton Norris - October 17, 2020 at 11:07 PM

PV

Danced many miles to his music. Prayers for all the family!
Peggy Trice Vernon

Peggy Trice Vernon - October 17, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RS

Gaye saddened to hear of your loss. You and daddy were just two peas in a pod. Your respect and love for one another was so admirable. I remember him teaching us to water ski. Very patient with us. He loved his little girl and the amazing woman she became! Comfort and love to friends and all the family.

Rose Segovia - October 18, 2020 at 04:54 AM

CC

*Dear Lynda,
Jane, and I, are deeply saddened by the loss of John. Our thoughts are with you and your family. It's impossible to articulate what you and Johnny have meant to our Longhorn family. The many late nights, marvelous music, and laughs fill a vault of memories that will never diminish. I am so going to miss those semi weekly phone calls when he and I would cuss and discuss the problems of mankind. May the LORD bless and comfort you during this difficult time.
Craig, Jane and Lil' Reds Longhorn Family!*

Craig Copeland - October 18, 2020 at 06:50 PM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with y'all!
Johnny Bush was a amazing singer and I
loved his music . My parents went to 1 of his
concerts and got to talk to him. They told him
that I loved his music but was too young to
come so he gave them his autograph for me. R.I.P. Johnny Bush*



Cecilia Merryman-Hicks - October 17, 2020 at 08:21 PM



*I have known Johnny for the past 30 years and not only was he
a talented singer./writer.he was a true Believer with a relationship with
the Lord. He would always send me his latest CD's. I did
several news stories with him and he never forgot his friends nor his
background. He introduced me to willie and took me along to his bus
with Wiley Alexander. Sing a song for me Johnny. You
were a special talent.*

Gary DeLaune

Gary DeLaune - October 18, 2020 at 11:50 PM

SK

My condolences and prayers to Mrs. Bush and the Bush Family.

Shirley Kraft - October 22, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DH

*Johnny Bush! What a special man! Still can't believe you're not with us
anymore! I had the pleasure of meeting you several times-always had
time to talk,and always a gentleman. The Tx dance halls won't be the
same without you're beautiful voice filling them! God speed Johnny and
thank you for all the wonderful music-I know Ray was the first to greet
you up in Heaven! My prayers go out to Lynda and family.*

Dave Henson - October 22, 2020 at 08:24 PM