

Live in Texas Introduces Buck Owens!



This time, we are introducing Buck Owens! Buck Owens was a singer and guitarist that pioneered that Bakersfield sound. After receiving 21 top hit #1's, Owens became a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.



Alvis Edgar Owens, better known as Buck Owens, was born August 12, 1929. He was born in a

farm at Sherman, Texas to Alvis Edgar Owens and Maicie Azel Ellington. He attended public school for grades 1-3 in Garland, Texas. During the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, his family moved to Mesa Arizona. Owens has been married four times, three ending in divorce and one in an annulment. From his first marriage to Bonnie Campbell Owens, he has two sons. His second marriage was to Phyllis Buford, with whom he had a third son. His third marriage to Jana Jae Greif ended in an annulment only a few days later. His fourth and final marriage was to Jennifer Smith. He has three sons: Buddy Alan, who became an artist himself and has performed with his father, Johnny and Micheal Owens. In July, Owens' best friend Don Rich was killed when he lost control of his vehicle. His death, devastated Owens, and he never fully recovered, both emotionally and professionally from that loss. Buck Owens died in his sleep of an apparent heart attack on March 25, 2006, hours after performing at his Crystal Palace restaurant. He successfully had recorded form oral cancer.



Owens career started with a co-hosted radio show called Buck and Britt. He was impressed with Bakersfield and he began traveling to Hollywood for session recording jobs at Capitol Records, playing for many artist. His career took off in 1959 when one of his songs hit 24 on the Billboard country chart. After that , three of his songs hit top charts. His career took off and he reached top spots, even touring in Japan, a then rare occurrence. After the death of his friend, he never fully bounced back, stating that "the real lightning and thunder was gone forever". Owens began to concentrate on his financial future, buying radio stations and maintaining ownership of KUZZ until his death. He collaborated with many artist and was able to make many new songs and albums with them.

