

Wayne Scott – Bio

Wayne Scott, born circa 1934, grew up on a tobacco farm near Crane Nest, Knox County, Kentucky, and is the eleventh of thirteen siblings. By his mid-teens he was writing country songs and perfecting his guitar playing, often to the detriment of his schooling. Leaving school, aged sixteen, Scott followed an older brother to Dearborn, Michigan where he gained employment in a car plant during the nineteen-fifties. The following decade, Wayne worked in a Gary, Indiana steel plant. Nearing forty, he headed west to California where he was a fencing contractor, and also formed a series of “weekend” country bands that featured his sons, Denny, Dale, Darrell, Don and David [born between 1953 and 1968]. They played in bars and roadhouses all over the state. The curiosity, however, is that Wayne Scott never performed any of his own compositions in public.

Having played cover tunes on the California circuit for two decades, Wayne retired to his hometown. His son, Darrell, a Nashville based hit songwriter – Garth Brooks, Dixie Chicks, Brad Paisley and Patty Loveless have covered his songs – eventually persuaded his father to record an album of songs he’d penned, although the elder Scott was initially reluctant. Recorded in Nashville **“The Weary Way”** features a duet vocal with Guy Clark, and contributions from fiddler/banjo magician Dirk Powell, British upright bass player Danny Thompson and mandolin player Tim O’Brien. The album was released in the late summer of 2005 on the Full Light label. Wayne Scott grew up to be a fan of Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Lefty Frizzell – all country music legends now sadly deceased. **“The Weary Way”** features eleven Wayne Scott compositions, plus covers of Dorsey Dixon’s “Crash On The Highway” [written in 1937, almost a quarter of a century later, and titled “Wreck On The Highway,” Wilma Lee and Stoney Cooper scored a # 8 Country Chart hit with the song] and a live version of Johnny Cash’s “Folsom Prison Blues.”

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