

Dave Carter passes, aged 49.

Dave Carter passed on, aged 49, on Friday 19th July in Hadley, Massachusetts. Having just returned to his hotel from a run, Carter suffered a heart attack. In the last five years, Carter and his partner Tracy Grammer enjoyed universal acclaim for their intuitive recordings and mesmerising live work. In 1998 they self-released their debut **"When I Go,"** and subsequently recorded another pair of albums, **"Tanglewood Tree"** [2000] and **"Drum Hat Buddha"** [2001], for the Signature Sounds label. They planned to record an album, provisionally titled **"The Moon And Seven,"** in December for release on April 8th 2003 - Tracy Grammer's birthday. A prolific writer, Carter had countless other recording projects in the pipeline.

Dave Carter was born in Oxnard, California on August 13th 1952, was raised in the borderlands of Texas and Oklahoma and had lived for the last decade in Portland, Oregon. He held numerous university degrees and had worked as a computer programmer before entering the music business. Carter made his solo recording debut in 1995 with the album **"Snake Handlin' Man"** The lyrical beauty and spiritual complexity of his songs appeared to increase exponentially with each succeeding release. Then he would pen a song like "236-6132," which was gloriously simple and fun filled. In the Spring of 2002 the duo toured the eastern seaboard of the USA with Joan Baez.

Dave Carter is survived by his father Robert Carter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, his sister Elise Fischer of Lawrence, Kansas and his partner and collaborator Tracy Grammer.

An article on Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer appeared in the August 2000 issue of Country Music People.