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Jennings got his first taste of crossover success in 1975 when "Are You Sure Hank Done It This Way" made its way onto the pop charts. Around that same time, he was honoured by the Country Music Association as Male Vocalist of the Year. Jennings' participation in the compilation *Wanted! The Outlaws* (1976) helped him become an even bigger name in music. A number one hit on the pop album charts, the recording featured songs by Jennings, Willie Nelson, Tompall Glaser, and Jessi Colter Jennings' fourth wife. The couple even sang several duets together, including a cover of "Suspicious Minds."

Joining forces with Nelson, he recorded *Waylon & Willie* (1978), which went on to sell several million copies. One of their duets from the album, "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," reached the top of the charts and gave Jennings his second Grammy Award. He and Nelson shared the honors for Best Country Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group.

For the rest of the decade and into the early 1980s, Jennings continued to make hits, including "Luckenbach, Texas (Back to the Basics of Love)" and "Theme from 'The Dukes of Hazzard' (Good Ol' Boys)." In addition to creating the theme song for the television series, Jennings served as the narrator for the country comedy *The Dukes of Hazzard*.

Long known for his partying ways, Jennings' drug use escalated into an expensive cocaine and amphetamine habit, which sometimes cost him as much as \$1,500 a day. He decided to quit in 1984. The following year, Jennings teamed up with Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Cash, and Willie Nelson to form the Highwaymen. They hit the top of the country charts with "Highwayman," which was included on their successful album of the same name. The 1990 follow-up album, *Highwayman 2*, did not fare as well.

Diagnosed with diabetes in the early 1990s, Jennings had trouble walking in his later years. But that did not stop him from making music.

In 2000, Jennings recorded several performances at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium for the album *Never Say Die Live*. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001. Later that year, Jennings had to have a foot amputated due to diabetes-related poor health.

Jennings died on February 13, 2002, at his home in Chandler, Arizona. Married since 1969, he and Jessi Colter had one child together, Waylon Albright "Shooter" Jennings. Jennings had five other children from his three previous marriages.

Friends and fans alike mourned the passing of the country music superstar. "Waylon Jennings was an American archetype, the bad guy with the big heart. Despite his difficult final years, he was filled with creativity and joy."

Memories of Waylon live on...

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Country singer Sara Storer is pregnant with her fourth child and this time she's hoping for a little girl in March.

From Albury, where she moved from Darwin two months ago with husband Dave and three boys – aged five, three and a one year old– she recently confirmed the good news for the Storer family.

"I can announce it now – I'm now pregnant with my fourth baby," she said with a proud laugh.

The first trimester is past, and mother and babe-to-be are fine and well.