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Gawler Country Music Club Inc. is a non profit organisation dedicated to the development of all styles of Country Music. The activities of the club include regular monthly meetings and shows; providing opportunity and encouragement to amateur artists; producing this newsletter and showing support for all other South Australian Country Music Clubs.

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'I Lived to Tell the Tale'

Following our announcement on page 7 of last month's newsletter; Country Music's icon **George Jones** passed away on Friday 26th April 2013. He was 81. He died in Nashville a week after being hospitalized for a fever and irregular blood pressure. George Jones lived a long and tumultuous life that frequently surpassed the lyrics of his many songs.

With one of the most golden voices of any genre, Jones had Number One songs in five separate decades, 1950s to 1990s. He was idolised not just by fellow country artists, but by **Frank Sinatra, Pete Townshend, Elvis Costello, James Taylor** and countless others.

George Jones's... 'He Stopped Loving Her Today' is regarded by many as the greatest country song ever recorded. He charted dozens of hits over a long career marked by struggles with alcohol and drugs, broken marriages and, finally, redemption. **From 1955 to 2005, Jones put 167 records on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, a history-making 143 of them in the top 40, and also won two Grammy Awards.**

- "The world has lost the greatest country singer of all time. Amen," **Merle Haggard** said.
- **Vince Gill**, whose 20 Grammy Awards make him the most lauded male country singer ever, said, "There aren't words in our language to describe the depth of his greatness. I'll miss my kind and generous friend."

George Jones' glorious achievements were accompanied by personal heartbreak, frustration, failure, disappointment and loss. He continued touring and recording until just weeks before his death. He had struggled with alcohol and drug abuse; multiple marriages and divorces; lawsuits over his erratic behaviour, and brushes with death in motor accidents.

His life became the stuff of country legend... Following a drinking binge during which his wife took his car keys so he couldn't drive; Jones famously commandeered a motorized lawn mower and drove himself to the nearest liquor store.

"**Hopefully people will remember me for my music and forgive me for the things I did that let 'em down,**" Jones said in 2006. He also understood he wouldn't be absolved of everything: "There are some things you just can't make up to people," he said of the many performances he missed over the years because of his struggles with alcohol and drugs, which led to his nickname "**No Show Jones**" that followed him for many years in the 1970s and '80s. Along the way, he continued to deliver hit after hit.

In Country Music, **George Jones** set the standard long ago:

- **Johnny Cash** once said. "**No one has compared to him yet.**"
- **Waylon Jennings** famously remarked, "**If we could all sound like we wanted to, we would all sound like George Jones.**"

Born September 12th 1931, **George Glenn Jones** grew up in Saratoga, a small, dusty town north-east of Texas. He was the eighth child of **George Washington Jones**, a pipe fitter and shipyard worker who played guitar, and, **Clara Jones**, a church pianist. The modest household was dominated by the sounds of gospel and country music, and the abusive rages of the young singer's father, who turned to alcohol to drown his pain when Jones' sister died from a fever.

"We were our Daddy's loved ones when he was sober, and his prisoners when he was drunk," George Jones wrote in his 1996 autobiography, "**I Lived to Tell the Tale.**"

