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## ROY LEE BROWN

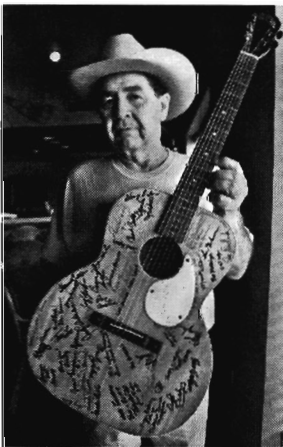
is a native of Fort Worth, Texas. He has been a rhythm guitarist/vocalist since the age of fifteen. He has also had his own bands throughout his lifetime. He has carried on the legendary music of his brothers, Milton and Derwood.



Roy Lee Brown is a *Living Legend*. Due to his humble efforts throughout his colorful lifetime, he has single-handedly educated generations about the musical legacy of his beloved family and the music he loves. His numerous contributions over the years have made an immeasurable impact on not only the preservation, but the future, of western swing. Cowtown Society of Western Music "tips our hat" to Roy Lee and says thank you for a job well done. **—by, Joyce Miller.**

*Ed Note: We tip our hats to CSWM for promoting the history of this music.*

Roy Lee's 90th birthday party was February 27 and Cowtown Society threw a real hum dinger at the Holiday Hills Country Club in Mineral Wells. **Joyce** filed this report with help from **Johnny Case** and **Pat Jacobs**. **Photos courtesy Steve**



**Pres Gary Beaver with the 1939 Kay guitar, Society gift to Roy Lee**

**Satterwhite, Great Recession Orchestra, Ft. Worth. [ewtexaswing.com](http://ewtexaswing.com)**

Roy Lee and Leon Rausch sang

## NEWS BULLETIN: March 11

*From the 27th Annual Texas Steel Guitar Association Hall of Fame in Dallas. When Cindy Cashdollar stood in ovation for Ronnie Miller, the first of two inductees this year, little did she know that her name would be called next! We watched with pride as Cindy received her award and induction, which she dedicated to her mentors Herb Remington and Marian Hall. Cindy is the first woman in their Hall. CONGRATS GIRLFRIEND!*



**GRO fiddler JD Smith visits with Roy Lee**

together! Roy Lee did Ellen's composition "Stealing" and "Old Water Mill". Pat Jacobs on Bass, Charlie O'Bannon and Johnny Case on Keyboard, Bill Gilbert and Al Mulladou on Fiddle, Eddie Ferguson on lead and Bill Mitchell on rhythm, Dick Bridges. Phil Babcock drums. Kinneth Doyle, Guitar and vocals and Durwood Strube Vocals. Pat said, "An hour and half of nothing but Brownie music!"

It was fabulous! Roy Lee was so happy! Several family members came and Roy Lee danced with his granddaughter, Dana Mcrave. We missed his delightful wife Ellen who was unable to attend. One cute thing, he said to Gary and me was, "this is the most attention I have gotten in years and the most women who have kissed me in my whole life!" Three big birthday cakes....and we presented him with a depression era guitar signed by everyone at the party! **Ray Benson sent a framed letter with birthday wishes!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to these music greats with wishes for many more!

April 1 **Tom Mallory and Reid Wells**

April 5 **Larry Reed**

April 6 **Merle Haggard**

April 10 **Weldon Myrick**

April 12 **Max "Doc"**

**Denning and Judy Lynn**

April 16 **Tony Sepolio and Jim Blair**

April 18 **Curtis Potter**

April 19 **Jody Carver**

April 21 **Elizabeth McQueen**

April 22 **Wayne Wood**

April 25 **Charlie Hull and Chuck Hayes**

April 26 **Larry Nix and Jesse Morris**

April 29 **Billy Mize**

April 30 **Willie Nelson**



*Remembering these greats: Larry "Pedro" DePaul, Don Tolle, Wade Ray, Bill Garner, Sheb Wooley, Tommy Harvell, Clarence Cagle, Joe Frank Ferguson, Joe Knight, Eldon Shamblin, Karl Farr, Cliff Bruner, Vassar Clements, Don Berkshire, Dewey Groom.*

## WE HAVE NEWLYWEDS!!!

Our gal **Melinda Miers Henri married Paul Guffey** in a lovely and joyous ceremony on March 19. They were a couple in college, but it was God's plan to bring them together now, and forever. I've never seen her happier or more beautiful! **photo courtesy her cousin Beth**

