

Larry Gatlin — Bio

Larry Gatlin was born in 1948 in Seminole, Texas, the son of a driller in the oil field. The oldest of the three Gatlin brothers, he was by age seven, already accompanying younger brothers, Steve and Rudy in singing at family and church events.

After high school, Larry went to the University of Houston on a football scholarship. Larry majored in English and developed “a love affair with the English Language” that later served him well in his songwriting.

On the strength of his songwriting talents, Larry Gatlin became known throughout the Nashville music industry. While Steve and Rudy were finishing college, Larry was already touring the small club and listening room circuit as a solo act, looking forward to the time when he could afford to expand his live show to include his brothers.

From 1976 to 1992 the brothers toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. They racked up hit after hit and banked some of the most prestigious awards in the industry. Larry penned every Gatlin Brothers hit you’ve ever heard. Larry Gatlin has written songs that were later recorded by Elvis Presley, Glen Campbell, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Tom Jones, Johnny Mathis, Dottie West and many more.

December of 1992 marked a farewell to concert touring for the Gatlin Brothers as they completed their ADIOS TOUR with a CD of the same name. Then came a major turning point in his career. Larry took the lead role on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning musical “The Will Rogers Follies.” The musical then toured throughout the nation to rave reviews.

Throughout the next decade Larry would go on to write an autobiography, *All The Gold In California*, record a solo album, *In My Life*, and would occasionally tour solo.

In the early 2000’s the brothers reunited for selective road dates and 2008, recorded their first album in nearly two decades, *Pilgrimage*. In 2015 the brothers celebrated 60 years of making music together and released a new album, *The Gospel According to Gatlin*.

Larry currently resides in Nashville with the love of his life, Janis, to whom he's been married for nearly 50 years. They are the proud parents of two children, Josh and Kristin. He is also "Papa" to Kristin's daughters, Parker and Campbell.

Boilerplate:

The close family harmonies of Larry, Steve & Rudy - the Gatlin Brothers have given the trio a signature sound that led to country classics like "All The Gold In California" and "Houston (Means I'm One Day Closer To You)." The brothers won a GRAMMY® for their 1976 breakthrough hit, "Broken Lady," and reached #1 with several other songs soon thereafter. Along with five career nominations for the ACM Vocal Group, the Gatlin Brothers picked up three 1979 trophies: Single of the Year ("All The Gold In California"), Album of the Year (*Straight Ahead*) and Male Vocalist of the Year for Larry Gatlin. The brothers were also nominated for multiple CMA Awards including Vocal Group of the Year, Single of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year. Larry Gatlin has written songs recorded by Elvis Presley, Glen Campbell, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Dottie West, Roy Orbison, Barry Gibb and countless Gospel artists including the Gaither Vocal Band, the Booth Brothers, the Isaacs and many more. After 64 years of music, the brothers continue to perform nearly 100 live concert dates each year.