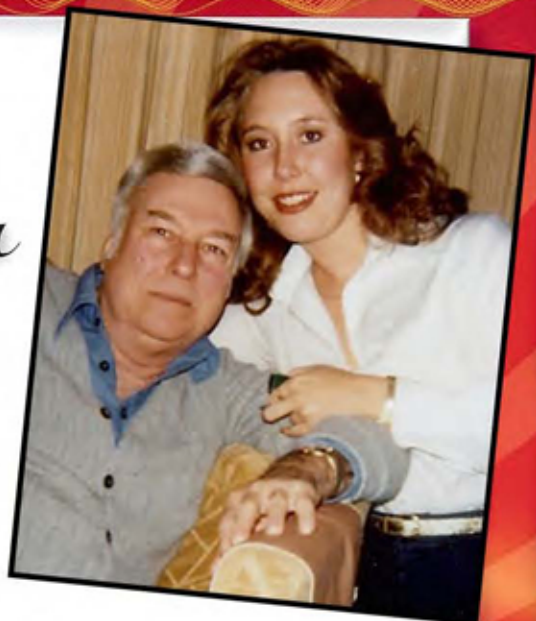


2010 Inductee. . .

Ray Winkler

"Welcome to my World"

Remarks by Bette Winkler Hodges



"Thank you Dean. It is such a thrill to have you present this award to my Dad. My husband, David, & I sure hope you have enjoyed the story of my Dad's life in music.

Since Tommie Ritter Smith first told me about my Dad's induction this year, it has been a great journey for me to put together my Dad's life for you...going through pictures and mementos...I know I have cried a million tears...but it has truly been a labor of love.

While I don't have his talent for songwriting, I do have his passion and appreciation of country music and I'm so grateful to carry on his legacy. David & I are so thankful for the support of so many family members and friends in this very special honor for my Dad and are so glad to have many of them with us tonight.

On behalf of my Mom and Dad, I want to thank the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame for honoring my Dad with this induction. I remember that he was so thrilled about the museum and the tribute it would pay to an industry he so dearly loved.

I would also like to congratulate the 2010 Inductees...to the family of Al Dexter and to George Jones. I know my Dad would be thrilled by being inducted with these great country music legends.

It has been said, that my Dad's only regret in life...was not hiring that female short stop.

Thank you so much."

*Welcome to my world
Won't you come on in
Miracles I guess
Still happen now and then
Step into my heart
Leave your cares behind
Welcome to my world
Built with you in mind
Knock and the door will open
Seek and you will find
Ask and you'll be given
The key to this world of mine
I'll be waiting here
With my arms unfurled
Waiting just for you
Welcome to my world...*