

Luther Thompson

Luther Thompson was born on May 2, 1935. At the age of 12, Luther started taking steel guitar lessons and by age 14 he was playing in Honky Tonks with older musicians who would take him with them and look after him. Luther played pedal steel, non pedal steel, dobro, mandolin, bass and rhythm guitar. He mostly played country and western, bluegrass, and gospel music. He worked for MKT Railroad for 29 years and would play music on the weekends and after work until he retired.

He played in bands through the years where he had the opportunity to back artist such as Charlie Walker, Hank Thompson, Loretta Lynn, Reba McEntire, and Little Jimmy Dickens. He also opened shows for Bill Anderson, Ray Price, and others. During the 50's and 60's, he played in a Western swing band called "The Texans" which was the number one western swing band in the North Texas area. They had a seven piece band that drew a full house each night they played. In the years past, he had played the Western swing circuit in Turkey, TX, Pawhaska, OK, and Russellville, AR where he met and played music with musicians from all over the country. Before Luther passed away, he played with a band called Country Wranglers for 13 plus years at the Pace Setter Room in Madill, OK. He also played at his church, Hebron Baptist Church, in Bells, TX.

Luther is a member of the Texamo Music Association, being named "Mr. Texamo" 1983-1984, Steel Picker 1985, Super Picker 1989-1990 and placed in the Hall of Fame around that time. He is a member of WSMSS, Texas Steel Guitar Association, where he received steel guitar player of the year in 2014. In 2015, he received the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest Hall of Fame Award.