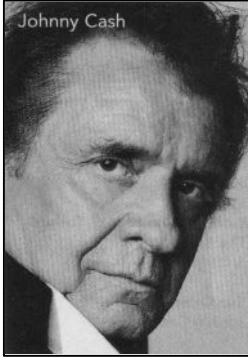


JOHN R. "JOHNNY" CASH OBT.

1932-2003

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HENDERSONVILLE, TN: **Cash, John R.** – Age 71, September 12, 2003. The family of Johnny Cash, in this sad hour, is greatly comforted by the outpouring of love and respect for his remarkable life. We also take solace in the knowledge that he is again reunited with his dearest companion, June. Our lives and indeed, the entire planet, will forever feel the emptiness of his loss, but his music and the greatness of his spirit will endure. He is preceded in death by his parents, Carrie and Ray Cash; brothers, Jack and Roy Cash; sister, Louise Garrett; and his beloved wife of 35, June Carter.

He is survived by his daughters, Rosanne Cash Leventhal (John), Kathleen Cash Tittle (Jimmy), Cynthia Cash Panetta (Eddie) and Tara Cash Schwoebel (Frederick); son, John Carter Cash (Laura); 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brother, Tommy Cash; sisters, Reba Hancock and JoAnne Cash Yates; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Out of the respect to the family, visitation and the funeral will be private. Active Pallbearers; John Jackson Routh, Thomas Gabriel Coggins, Ted Rollins, Marty Stuart, Larry Gatlin, Randy Scruggs, Michael Rollins, Tony Bisceglia and James Dustin Tittle. Honorary Pallbearers; Tommy Case, John Leventhal, Jimmy Tittle, Fred Schwoebel, Eddie Panetta, Harry Yates, Dr. Billy Graham, Jack Shaw, Wayne Womack, Lou Robin, Bob Sullivan, Rick Rubin, Luke Lewis, David Ferguson, Jack Clement, Earl Poole Ball and Marshall Grant.

A public Memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to S.O.S. Children's Village International, 1317 F Street, N.W. #550, Washington, D. C. 20004. Hendersonville Funeral Home & Memory Gardens, 353 Johnny Cash Parkway, Hendersonville, TN 37075; (615) 824-3855.

(SS Death Index: Name: **CASH, JOHN R** – Birth: 26 Feb 1932 - Death: 12 Sep 2003 – Age: 71- Last Residence (37075, Hendersonville, Sumner, TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 429-52-4960, Issued By: AR) (Death date was verified with a family member or someone acting on behalf of the family).

(SS Death Index: Name: **CASH, JUNE C** – Birth: 23 Jun 1929 - Death: 15 May 2003 – Age: 73- Last Residence (37075 Hendersonville, Sumner, TN) - Last Benefit: (none specified) – SSN: 230-28-9628, Issued By: VA) (Death date was verified with a family member or someone acting on behalf of the family).

Carter, June

Birth : 23 JUN 1929 Maces Spring, Virginia

Death : 15 MAY 2003 Nashville, Tenn.

Gender: Female

Parents:

Father: [Carter, Ezra J.](#)

Mother: [Addington, Maybelle](#)

Family:

Spouse:

[Cash, John R. \(Johnny\)](#)

Children:

[Cash, Rosanna](#)

Family:

Marriage: 1968 in London Ontario, Canada

Children:

Cash, John Carter

Birth : 3 MAR 1970

Gender: Male

JOHNNY CASH

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Like so many aspiring country music artists, Cash eagerly sought appearances on the Grand Ole Opry, but in 1958, with his recordings selling in the millions, Cash left the Opry for his own grueling schedule of concerts and television appearances. On the road Cash developed a musical style that blended blues, rock, country, and gospel with a persona that was part outlaw, part common man, and part fundamentalist minister. His hard work paid off in one sense--Cash became a major star outside of the finely honed Nashville Sound of the 1960s--but the demands of the road almost killed him, as he became increasingly addicted to various drugs.

The years 1967-68 were a second turning point for Cash's musical journey. He collaborated with Bob Dylan in the latter's Nashville Skyline album and he released a landmark live album, At Folsom Prison, which captured the musicianship and excitement of his concert performances. More importantly, he married June Carter, a singer with the Carter Family that toured with Cash; kicked the worst of his substance abuse; and renewed his Christian faith. From 1968 to 1971, when ABC ended his network television show taped at the Ryman Auditorium, Cash was the most recognized country music

performer in the nation.

In the second half of his career, Cash accepted acting roles in television, wrote his autobiography *Man in Black* (1975), and continued to produce important recordings, from collaborative projects such as *Highwayman* (1985) and *Class of '55* (1986) to the somber, emotional tones of his latest American Recordings project (1998-2000). He gained a new generation of fans, and became a living legend among many young rockers and country music singers. Of all the famed artists associated with Sun JOHNNY CASH 1932-

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Carroll Van West, Middle Tennessee State University

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