Johnny Cash

Country music singer, songwriter and guitarist, born in Kingsland, Arkansas on February 26, 1932. He worked in a car factory before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1950. He took basic training near San Antonio, Tex., then received training as a radio intercept operator and was sent overseas to Germany.

While he was overseas, he bought his first guitar in a pawn shop for $5 and taught himself to play. He was discharged in 1954 as a Staff Sergeant. Cash then moved to Memphis. In 1955 he started singing for Sun Records. Early songs included "I Walk The Line." Cash's nickname, "The Man in Black," came from a 1971 hit song of that name.