Brenson performs regularly at his theater in Brenson, Mo., where he also works with the

In 1976, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. Tilliss
by artists such as Brenda Lee, Charley Pride, Ricky Skaggs, George Strait, and Kenny
Singer-songwriter was launched. Tilliss' songs over the decades have been recorded
song "I'm Tired" was recorded by Webb Pierce, and his professional career as a
Westerners. Just one year after he was discharged from the service in 1955, Tilliss
as a baker. There, he began a performing career with a musical group called the

In the early 1950s, Lorraine "Mel" Tilliss was an airman stationed in Okinawa, working

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