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## **BROOKS AND DUNN**

Ronnie Gene Dunn. One More In The Long List Of Prolific Singer/Songwriters From West Texas. Ronnie, Like Most Country Singers Before Him, Paid His Dues By Playing Night Club Gigs. At One Time He Organized The House Band At Duke's Night Club In Tulsa, Oklahoma. His First Charted Record, In 1983, Reached #59 In Billboard...His Follow-Up Record, In 1984, Also Reached #59. Roy Orbison's First Charted Song "Ooby Dooby" Reached #59...Maybe A Magic Number For West Texas Boys? Ronnie Must Have Been Elated Back Then Just Break Into Billboard's Top 100 And Of Course He Had No Idea, At The Time, That When He Hooked Up With Kix Brooks, Vocalist/Songwriter From Louisiana... Would Become A Country Super Star In The Nineties? This Singer/Songwriter Duo Has Produced 18 #1 Country Hits, In Just A Few Short Years, Plus Winning So Many Major Music Awards (50+) It Would Take A Pick-Up Truck To Carry Them All. The Top Duo In The Nineties With 18 MILLION RECORD Sales To Date. (The #2 Duo Of All Time Trailing Only Simon & Garfunkle) Ronnie Was Born In Coleman, Texas (6-1-53) (The Same Year Dean Beard, From Coleman, Was Organizing His Very First Band) Ronnie Was Raised In Texas (Attended Port Isabel High School) & Oklahoma. He Attended Abilene Christian University 1974-76 (Abilene, Texas) With The Intention Of Becoming A Baptist Minister. Ronnie Played Night Club Gigs (Played Bass) While Attending College Drawing Criticism From the School Administration.





Ronnie Was Exposed To Country Music At A Very Early Age As His Dad, Eugene, Was A Country Singer And Had His Own Show In Abilene. Both Ronnie & Kix Wanted Solo Careers But When They Were Offered A Duo Deal From The Record Company They Let Good Business Sense Over-Rule Over Their Egos. Ronnie's Early Songwriting Influence Was Merle Haggard.

*img: Coleman, Texas' most famous native son, Ronnie Dunn, shown here as Brooks and Dunn, Guitar in the West Texas Music Hall of Fame collection*