



KAY ADAMS

Princetta Kay Adams was born in Knox City (north of Abilene) and when she was 10 her family moved to Vernon. In the 1960's she arrived on the music scene recording a string of country songs appearing as a regular on the Buck Owens's Ranch TV shows in Bakersfield, California. At the 1st Annual Academy of Country Music Awards, in 1965, she was named "Top New Female Vocalist" while "Top New Male Vocalist" went to Merle Haggard. The following year she was nominated for "Top Female Vocalist". Before 1966 women never recorded songs about truck driving but Kay Adams, however, had her only hit with a song called "Little Pink Mac", a song about a women truck driver. In her song the truck has chrome along with polka-dot curtains hanging in the sleeper. All the truckers are asking "Who's the gal in the little pink Mac"? "I'm a gear swapping Mama" etc. James Burton (later with Elvis) was one of the session players laying down some twangy Fender Telecaster sounds on the record. More than just a novelty tune "Little Pink Mac" was a friendly challenge to the diesel fueled world of long distant truckers. The record reached #30, in 1966, qualifying Kay Adams for The West Texas Music Honor Roll. In 1968 she sang on the soundtrack of the movie "Killers Three".