

## The McKameys

Group Formed: 1954

Original Members: Dora, Peg and Carol McKamey (sisters)

Current Members: Peg McKamey Bean, Ruben Bean, Carol McKamey Woodard and Connie Fortner

Other Group Members Through The Years: Sheryl Farris

Group History: Ruben Bean joins in 1957 as guitar player; Dora and Carol leave in 1971; Connie and Sheryl Bean, daughters of Ruben and Peg Bean, join at that time; Sheryl Bean Farris leaves in 1985; Carol Woodard rejoins at that time

Band Members: Roger and Eli Fortner, guitars

Group Base: Clinton, Tennessee, near Knoxville

Number of Projects Recorded Since Group First Started: 43

Number of Videos/Dvds Recorded Since Group First Started: 12

Number of Dates Worked Each Year: 140-150

### Awards:

1989 - "Singing News" awards, Song of the Year, "God On The Mountain"

1994 - "Singing News" awards, Song of the Year, "Arise"

1989-1994 - "Singing News" awards, Peg McKamey, Favorite Female Singer

2001 - Honored by Horizon Records for its ten number one singles, the most for any group in the history of Southern Gospel Music

2001 - Marvin Norcross Award, NQC - Ruben Bean

2002- "Singing News" awards, Peg McKamey, Favorite Female Singer. Roger Fortner, Favorite Musician

2003- "Singing News" award, Favorite Video "Hometown Live"

2006- 16th Number One Single

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## MCKAMEYS DISCOGRAPHY

- 1981 HE DIDN'T LET US DOWN (MORNING STAR)  
1982 BY FAITH (MORNING STAR) "Burning The Midnight Oil"  
1983 KEEPSAKE (MORNING STAR) \* "Who Put The Tears" (1984) and "Someone Prayed For Me"  
1984 TENNESSEE LIVE (MORNING STAR) "Tarry Here"  
1985 FRUITFUL (MORNING STAR) "Bring Me Out Of The Desert"  
1986 UNIQUE (MORNING STAR) "The Bride Coming In" and "I'm Going Thru"  
1987 MORE THAN MUSIC (MORNING STAR) \* "Getting Used To The Dark" (1987) and "Vision Of Heaven"  
1988 COVERED BY LOVE (MORNING STAR) "No More Sea"  
1988 GONE TO MEETIN (MORNING STAR) \*\* "God On The Mountain "(1989) and "Ground Breaking"  
1989 SING PRAISES (MORNING STAR) \* "God Will Make This Trial A Blessing" (1991) and "Under His Feet"  
1990 PURPOSE (MORNING STAR) "Somehow He Will" and "Handfuls Of Purpose"  
1991 JUST THINKING (MORNING STAR) "The Rising Of The Son"  
1992 WITH FEELING (HORIZON) \* "A Borrowed Tomb" (1993) and \* "Do You Know How It Feels" (1993)  
1993 WITH HIS POWER (HORIZON) \*\* "Arise" (1994) and "Prayer Changes Me"  
1994 IT'S REAL (HORIZON) "I'm Going Thru Jesus" and "A Voice Within"  
1995 SHELTERED (HORIZON) "How Deep Is The Sea" and " The Old Love Letter"  
1996 STILL HAVE A SONG (HORIZON) \* "Right on Time" (1997) and "This Valley Is For Me"  
1997 REMEMBRANCE (HORIZON)  
1998 ALWAYS (HORIZON) "A Wall Of Prayer", \* "Roll That Burden On Me" (1999) and "It Satisfies Me"  
1999 WAITING (HORIZON) "The Blood" and "Even The Valley"  
2001 I'VE WON (HORIZON) \* "I've Won" (2001), \* "He Calms Me" (2002) and \* "The Other Side" (2003)  
2002 TROPHY OF GRACE (HORIZON) \* "Surely Goodness and Mercies of the Lord" (2003) and "A Trophy of Grace"  
2003 AN ACOUSTIC JOURNEY (HORIZON) "Anytime" and "God Is So Good To Me"  
2004 FRESH MANNA (HORIZON) \* "The Good News" (2005) and \* "I Am Home" (2005)  
2005 THE OLD PATH (HORIZON) \* "I Will Trust You Lord" and "Altogether Lovely" (2006)  
2007 TELLING THE STORY (HORIZON) "You're Still God" and "You Are With Me"

\* NUMBER ONE SONG

\*\* SONG OF THE YEAR

## VIDEOS/DVDS

- 1988 GONE TO MEETIN
- 1989 SING PRAISES
- 1991 MCKAMEYS ON TOUR
- 1992 WITH FEELING
- 1994 WITH HIS POWER
- 1996 ENCOURAGE
- 1999 GENUINE
- 2000 WHO WE ARE
- 2001 MCKAMEYS HOMETOWN LIVE
- 2003 LIVE AT RENFRO VALLEY
- 2006 THE OLD PATH LIVE
- 2006 MCKAMEYS CHRISTMAS

## Biography

The McKameys have been singing the gospel for almost four decades and although the composition of the group has undergone some change the motive has remained the same...to honor Him who is worthy of all praise.

The group began with Peg, Carol and another sister, Dora. Later, Ruben joined the group and a little later he joined the family by marrying Peg. In 1971, both Carol and Dora left the group to fulfill family obligations and they were replaced by Peg and Ruben's two daughters, Connie and Sheryl.

In September of 1984, the group had its first number one release "Who Put The Tears In The Eyes Of The Lamb" and shortly thereafter Sheryl decided to leave the group to fulfill her obligations as a mother and pastor's wife. It was at this time that Peg's sister, Carol Woodard, again joined the group. The vocalists have not changed since that time. Connie's husband and son, Roger and Eli Fortner play the guitars for the group. The group also uses digital tracks to enhance the value of their performance.

The McKameys have enjoyed tremendous success from the beginning but most of the national recognition has occurred within the last decade. The group has been honored with many nominations and awards including 14 number one songs and almost every single released has charted in the Singing News Top 40 Chart. (The group has had 2 additional number one songs in the US Gospel News chart.) In 1989, "God On The Mountain" was acclaimed Song of the Year by the Singing News Fan Awards. Peg McKamey Bean has been honored as the Favorite Female Vocalist by The Singing News Fan Awards for 7 years.

The McKameys have won the hearts of Southern Gospel music lovers across the country. They do not boast of a formal education in music or entertainment but they have a rich family heritage which instilled in them the meaning of worship and perhaps it is this

realization which sets them apart. Wherever you see The McKameys you will be inspired by the pervasive spirit of worship that is evident when they minister before an audience.

The McKameys have always been based out of Clinton, Tennessee, a small town about 18 miles north of Knoxville, where their office and publishing company are located. They are pleased to be associated with Horizon Records in Asheville, North Carolina, and The Harper Agency in Nashville, Tennessee. The McKameys remain grateful for the blessings of the Lord upon their ministry and if you were to ask about future plans they would probably reply, "With the Lord's help, we plan to be faithful until He comes".