



Tony Randolph

Tony's a born and raised Hoosier with southern ties. His family tree hails from the backwoods of Kentucky in Perry County in a small town called Hazard. Surrounded by musicians starting with his father Lonnie ,uncles, Jimmy ,Bobby, and Jackie country music is where his roots are. Family reunions with the flat tops, picnics and gatherings where he would get onstage and play Wild Wood Flower, Your Cheating Heart , George Jonbes, Merle Haggard and Hank at 6 & 7 years old.

In earlier years he started the normal progression of shying away from his country roots to more Classic and Harder Rock where he played in several bands in the Muncie and Indianapolis area trying to reach that dream of the tour bus. Influences ranged from Led Zepplin, Styx, Rush, Journey, AC/DC into the 80's metal music.

His musical influences include drummers from all walks of music Rich Redmond, Mike Portnoy, Peter Criss, Neil Peart, Tommy Aldridge, Kenny Aronoff, Nate Morton but the biggest influences have, and always will be his father and uncles.

Recently Tony has spent the last 6 years with Joe Hess and the Wandering Cowyboys. Playing all over the place they traveled from Chicago to Detroit, Nashville, Iowa gigging at Casinos, Fairs and honky tonks creating a sound that has become the core of SouthRidge, Before playing with Joe he played and traveled with lifelong friend and Nashville hopeful Brian New. Brian had some regional success opening for national acts and is still a close friend today. That said, the band where most of his past has been spent is the country band "Wanted" with his father. He played in this band for the better part of 21 years with his dad and were fortunate enough to share some great oppurtunities together opening for several national acts in the 90's such as Steve Warner, Little Texas, Billy Dean, Doug Supernaw, Patty Lovelace, Leroy Parnell, Gibson Miller Band, Mel McDaniels and many others. ***"Theres no better feeling than sharing the stage and those experiences with my father, none."***

All that being said, the most important things in life are pretty simple...Family. Tony and his wife of twenty-seven years Lynn have three boys, Joshua, Hunter and Jarrett and one granddaughter Quinn and sharing time whether its at basketball games, wrestling meets, camping, fishing, vacationing or just hanging out is what drives him. With Tony it's a family tradition!

"As with all musicians the dream is alive of entertaining on the big stage and playing to a packed house, nothing can replace the feeling of being onstage with a band, entertaining a crowd and drawing energy night after night. The crowd not only influences but drives a musician to do what they do."