

# DON WILLIAMS

COUNTRY  
MUSIC HALL  
OF FAME

They came to call Don Williams “the Gentle Giant” in the decades he was a dominating country hit maker because of his unique blend of commanding presence and that laid-back, easy style that has appealed to adult men and women alike—cutting across national and genre boundaries. If those personal and musical qualities stood out strongly across the 1970s, ‘80s and ‘90s, they are all the more distinctive now.

The hundreds of memorable songs in that repertoire—over fifty of them major hits—whether contemporary ballads, affecting love songs or change-up rhythm numbers, have always been a core Don Williams strength and focus.

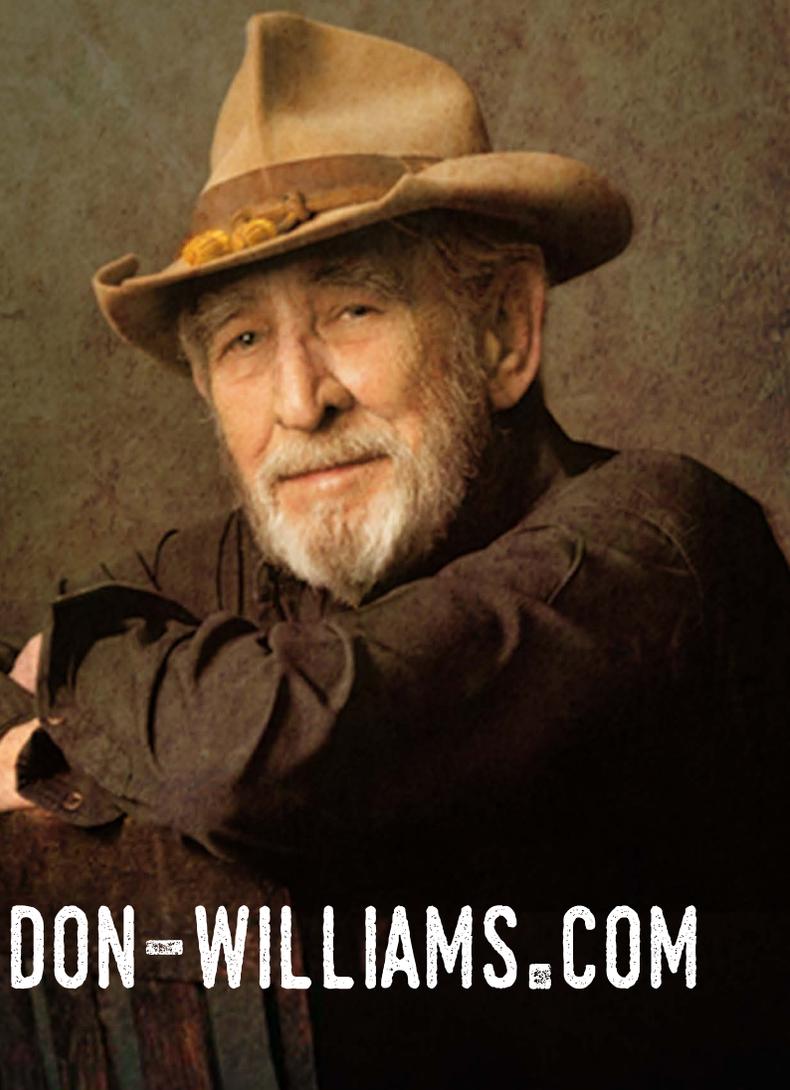
Riding and crossing the line between country and pop, and all the more distinctive for doing it, Don brought a sound and sensibility to the country charts that proved a smash.

He first gained musical attention as a member of the pop folk trio The Pozo Seco Singers, which had six pop chart hits in 1966-’67.

Between 1974 and 1991, Don had at least one major hit every year, including such country standards to be as “Good Ole Boys Like Me,” “Till the Rivers All Run Dry,” “It Must Be Love,” “I’m Just a Country Boy,” “Amanda” and “I Believe in You.” He also had a hit duet with Emmylou Harris on Townes Van Zandt’s “If I Needed You.” Don was the CMA Male Vocalist of the Year in 1978; his “Tulsa Time” was the ACM Record of the Year for 1979.

In 2010, Don received country music’s highest honor, with his induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

- CMA Male Vocalist of the Year (1978); ACM Record of the Year (1979)
- Co-starred with Burt Reynolds in two films, *W. W. & The Dixie Dance Kings* and *Smokey & The Bandit II*
- First country music artist to make a concept music video in 1973 for “Come Early Morning”



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