



Darrell Higginbotham

Darrell was born on December 19, 1938, in Church point, Louisiana. He began playing guitar at the age of nine. At age 13 he played his first dance with the late Iry LeJeune. This was a live radio broadcast from Sulphur, Louisiana, called the “Army Store Jamboree.” By age 14 he began playing professionally with Bobby Leger and the Lake Charles Playboys. As a young teen he decided to try his skills at Rock-n-Roll and country music, but he soon came back to his roots, traditional Cajun music, with many of known legends of Cajun music .

In the later 60's Darrell joined the band of Lionel Cormier and the Sundown Playboys as their lead vocalist. He remained with the Sundown Playboys for nearly 20 years and made several popular recordings during this period including the “Saturday Night Special” which was signed to an international contract on the label owned by the Beatles. Darrell received many awards over the years for his many

years of dedication to Cajun music and Cajun culture. One award he was most proud of was his induction to the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame shortly before his death. He died much too young of lung cancer on July 1, 1995, at the age of 56.