



Elias "Bobby" Leger

Bobby was born on July 17, 1916, in Estherwood, Louisiana. In 1947, Bobby moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Bobby's father, Joseph Leger, and several of his aunts and uncles played French music. On Sunday afternoon, the whole family would gather round and take turns playing music. Around 1931, Bobby's father taught him to play when he was 15 years old. On Sundays they would have a house dance where Iry LeJeune would play the accordion. Bobby would take LeJeune's place to play the accordion. The Legers' family quit having house dances when Iry moved to Lacassine. However, Bobby's accordion hero was Lawrence Walker.

After Bobby moved to Lake Charles his next door neighbor, Jake Bertrand, Jake's son, Robert, and Bobby organized a band. Bobby also played music with Gene Savoy, Dewy Comeaux, Cliff Newman, Hilrae Matt, and LeRoy Leger.

Some of the places Bobby played include Governor's Mansion, Oberlin Mardi Gras for 23 years, the Shamrock Club for 18 years, T-Georges, Lakeshore Club, Club 90, the Triangle Club, OST in Rayne Louisiana, Kaplan, Louisiana, B.O.'s Sparkle in Texas, the Red Barn, Holly Beach, Johnson Bayou, Savoe's Club in Creole, Louisiana, Cypress Inn, Marie's Village Gate in Riceville, Newman's Country Club in Midland, Texas, VFW

in lake Charles, Jennings and Lake Arthur. Bobby played private parties and he was in charge of Cajun Days at the Lake Charles Civic Center until he retired.

Some of Bobby's band members included Blackie Fruge, Mike Fruge, Ron Fruge, John Richard, and LeRoy Leger. Bobby Elias Leger died January 21, 2008.