



Clarence Joseph "Junior" Martin, Jr.

Clarence Joseph Martin, Jr., known as "Junior," was born in Cankton, Louisiana on December 21, 1940. Junior, a self-taught steel guitar player, purchased his first steel at the age of 15 and within 2 years was on the bandstand for the first time with Adam Hebert.

Junior has recorded with more than 20 artists. His most notable recordings include "*Tit Oiseau*," "Scott Playboys Special," "Lonely Girl Waltz," and "Pine Grove Blues." Throughout his musical career he has played with countless musicians.

In addition, junior continues to contribute to his Cajun heritage by conducting numerous interviews and documentaries for both his music and as a skilled accordion builder. He owns Martin Accordions Inc. which has been a thriving business in South Louisiana since the late 1980's. This combination of skills earned for him the 1996 Cajun French Music Association *Le Cajun "Prix de Comite'D'Excellence."*

In 2009 Junior's latest recording project was with his grandson, Joel

Martin, and his daughter, Penny Huval. Together they produced the Family Band's first CD "*L'Ange de la Chapelle*" which received a Cajun French Music Association nomination for "Band of the Year," "Song of the Year," and "Best Recording of the Year."