



DIEU DONNE' (DON) MONTOUCET

Don Montoucet was born October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1925, to Pierre “Jacques” and Leonida Thomas Montoucet. He was born and raised in Scott, Louisiana.

He was the only Montoucet descendant as his mother had lost several children before him and asking God to spare him, she named him Dieu Donne' which means “God given”. He has a half-brother, and two half-sisters from his mother’s previous marriage.

In 1944 Don married Adolis “Dol” Montoucet. He and Dol had five children: Jo-Ann, Jack, Linda, Virgil, and Terry Montoucet. Don raised his family in the town of Scott where he presently resides .

By the age of five, Don was playing his dad's accordion with his mother’s guidance. His parents were very instrumental in his passion to learn to play the accordion. In 1968 Lawrence Walker passed away, and Don took Walkers place in his band. The band's name was changed to “Don Montoucet and the Wondering Aces “ , then to the “Mulate Playboys”. Don passed on his music heritage to two of son's , Virgil who plays the accordion and Terry who plays guitar.

Don is a retired Lafayette Parish school bus driver where he was employed for 30 yrs and was also self-employed mechanic . As a hobby, Don made and sold T-Fere's of which a set is exhibited in the Smithsonian Institute . He also built and sold hand crafted accordion's clocks as well as bird housed made out of old license plates .

Don recorded the album , “Cajun Two Step” in 1979 and a CD” Don Montoucet

et ses amis “ in 2007. Playing Cajun music has taken Don to places like Washington D.C. ,New Orleans ,Seattle, New York , Canada , France , Russia . Whether playing for dignitaries or for friends and family gatherings , his love for Cajun Music has always been a devout part of his life .