

Allen Frizzell

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Career Bio: Allen Frizzell a.k.a *the other brother* ~ was born into a family rich in Country Music tradition. Since the early 1950's, the Frizzell's have been prominent on the music charts as artist & songwriters, having songs recorded by artist from Merle Haggard to Jewel. Allen is the youngest brother in this legendary family, his oldest brother is known today as the most influential vocalist of all time in Country Music, prolific artist & songwriter hall of fame member Lefty Frizzell. His brother, Grammy nominated ACM & CMA award winner as well as two time song of the year honors is David Frizzell.

Like Lefty & David, Allen is more than a great vocalist, he truly captures the emotion of a song. He is also a talented musician and an outstanding songwriter earning BMI's prestigious million-air performance award. BMI's official recognition of achievement in American Music.

Allen started out on his musical journey at the age of nineteen with brother David , singing and playing guitar. He later joined up with big brother Lefty for a brief tour. After touring with both big brothers, Allen thought he should be doing his own thing musically and felt lead to sing for the Lord, he proudly put together a little three-piece band they worked a couple of places, but it went no where fast and with no encouragement from anyone around him, he soon gave up. It was at that point he began following in his older brother's footsteps singing Country Music. He assembled his own band and began working the West Coast, it soon paid off while opening a show for Dottie West, who impressed with his talent insist that he move to Nashville and work for her, fronting her show. After almost a year of Dottie's persistence and with the right timing, Allen finally got the courage up to make the move and take her up on the offer, touring with some of the biggest names in the business.

Allen finally goes solo, writes a number one song and records a record for legends Buddy Emmons and Phil Baugh, which opened many door's for his career here as well as in Europe. During his Country Music recording career, he recorded for Sound Factory ,CMS, Abc Dot -MCA and SONY. Appearing on T.V shows like, That Nashville Music , Nashville Now, Hee Haw , Don Kirshner, You Can Be A Star (as celebrity judge), New Country appearing with Keith Whitley , Country Sportsman and Music City Tonight.

Allen has enjoyed much success in Country Music , but these days he's enjoying success in another genre' of music he released his first single & music video - "*I'm gonna live for Jesus*" to gospel music radio in the fall of 2007 which became a top twenty hit in April 2008, in May he was awarded 2008 Agape Outstanding Artist Achievement award. In June of 2009 Allen Frizzell & Family won AGAPE Family Group of the year. Earlier this year Allen also celebrated a top #5 song in Southern Gospel Music on the Christian Voice Southern Gospel Music Charts and the same song went all the way to #1 in Christian Country Music the song is titled – "A Man of His word" which is currently up for Christian country song of the year at the ICCMA awards in Nashville TN.

ALLEN FRIZZELL ~ Testimony: *Who was I to represent the Lord?*

Growing up in and around the music industry, Allen knew all too well the pressure and temptations it brought on a person's life, seeing his big brother "Lefty" who was larger than life die at the age of forty-seven. Allen found himself going down that same road on a tour filled with drugs and alcohol lasting for almost two years straight, even working two shows the day he found out his mother had passed away. Allen being the baby of the family was definitely a mama's boy, but there was no time for grief "the show goes on." After that he seemed to sink deep into a depression and began to drink even more, then came his highly publicized divorce and custody battle. There was good news in the middle of all the bad, Allen had been signed to Sony Records, the same label that big brother Lefty had spent 25 years with (Columbia). Needless to say that created a whole new party off the road. Allen had his own little entourage with him and they were out on the town in Music City every night, most of the time well into the next day. Everybody was his "friend" having a great time but as soon as the party was over, Allen found himself depressed and more alone than ever. A five bedroom house, full of people he didn't even know, a lost custody battle, almost bankrupt and suffering from Bel's Palsy that had paralyzed one side of his face and weighing only around 150 lbs. Allen would stay in his room in complete darkness for days at a time, wanting to end it all. All the demands, all the stress, the pressure and most of all the sadness, he felt from not having the closeness he had once shared with his children, only seeing them occasionally. It was during this dark period in Allen's life, he said he felt like the prodigal son and he truly believes the Lord heard his prayer and sent someone very special into his life, his wife of 24 yrs.

"I thank the Lord for not giving up on me and for the changes, He makes in my life each day. I had the honor to play and sing for Him in my home church for the past twelve years and through those years, different people have asked me why I haven't recorded a gospel album of my songs? I felt like that was stepping up to Holy Ground and I didn't feel worthy, because of sins in my life before and after I'd become a Christian, there's probably not a commandment I hadn't broke at one time or another and there's a lot more than just the ten! **Who was I to represent the Lord?** But a little over a year ago one thing after another just kept pointing to that very thing, and for the first time I began to really pray and seek the Lord's will for my life and not my own. At that point, I closed my recording studio & office's on music row after ten years, stepped out on faith to follow the Lord and what I truly believe was His will for my life all along. In 2007 I released my first recording in over ten years, my first gospel album titled; I'm Just A Nobody and the Lord has really opened doors for me with my music to reach people I give Him the glory for 2 top #20 songs on the southern gospel charts and a #1 song on the Christian country charts. I am happier than I've ever been and to think at one time on my journey through this life, I wanted to end it all because I thought I would never see another happy day. I praise the Lord today for all He's done for me starting at the cross. I thank Him for the desire He has given me to write and sing once again, this time it's for the right reason. I truly don't deserve the blessings in my life today, Gayle and I have been blessed with two beautiful children and I'm so proud that they travel with me and are part of my music ministry serving the Lord we sing at churches, theatres, fairs & festivals & corp events etc..., we have a great time! Our daughter O'liviajade sings kinda a country style of contemporary she also plays bass, our son Cagney plays the mandolin & guitar we have so much fun playing & singing old gospel songs country style & rendering a bluegrass song or two. Our concert is kinda like Jeff & Sheri Easter meets Randy Travis with Annie McRae in the middle...~ Allen