

# Marty Haggard

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## Music

1981 Dimension Records “Charleston Cotton Mill”  
1986 MTM Records “Trains Make Me Lonesome”  
1995 Critique/BMG “Borders and Boundaries” “Amnesia”  
2000 Marty Haggard Music “Ready or Not”, “The Bridge”  
2009 Marty Haggard Music “Driftwood”  
2010 Marty Haggard Music “A Tribute to Merle Haggard “My Dad”  
2011 Marty Haggard Music “A Tribute to Merle Haggard “My Dad” Vol. 2  
2011 Marty Haggard Music “One Prayer Away”

## Videos

“Trains Make Me Lonesome”  
“Here in the Afterlife”  
“Way Back in the Mountains” with Max T. Barnes

## Features

Statler Brothers Christmas Special  
Nashville Now -5 appearances  
Music City Tonight -3 appearances  
Crook and Chase -10 appearances  
Grand Ole Opry -3 appearances  
ACM 1987 Top New Male Vocalist Nominee  
The Today Show  
A Tribute to Ralph Emery hosted by Johnny Cash and Barbara Mandrell  
TBN -2 appearances  
Feature article in People Magazine  
Celebrity’s Off-Stage with Lorianne Crook/TNN  
David Frizzell’s Frizzell & Friends Roundup  
Country’s Family Reunion Tribute to Merle Haggard

Marty was born and raised in Bakersfield, California. Of course, everyone knows his Dad, Merle Haggard. Marty considers his dad the greatest singer/songwriter ever and I’m sure a lot of people agree with that. Growing up, Marty was able to travel with his dad and witness the writing and recording of all his great songs. He also had the opportunity to know many of the country greats, like Bob Wills, Lefty Frizzell, and Johnny Cash, just to name a few.

It’s obvious Marty was influenced by the legendary artists and their music while traveling with his dad. In 1979, Marty began touring with his own band, signing with Dimension Records in 1981. From 1983 to 1985, Marty toured with his dad, playing guitar and singing harmony. Marty signed with MTM Records in 1986 and released Trains Make Me Lonesome, which garnered him a nomination as best new male vocalist. Marty signed with Critique/BMG in 1995 and after some time decided to leave the Nashville lifestyle behind.

In 1999, Marty and his wife, Tessa, formed Marty Haggard Music and Marty began writing and singing spiritual songs inspired by his life spent with his Grandma Haggard after his mom and dad were divorced. There were also many struggles growing up the son of such a famous father. For the next ten years, Marty traveled the country with his wife and son, Jamey, not as a preacher, but just to sing and proclaim his love and personal relationship with Jesus. He still found time to go back to his roots and play country venues, also.

Marty’s love for his dad and his music eventually inspired him to begin a new project, which he titled A Tribute to Merle Haggard “My Dad”. In 2010, he recorded the first album of this project with a 15 song CD of Hag classics. This led to a tribute show in Branson, Mo, where he performed for two years. In 2011, Marty released A Tribute to Merle Haggard “My Dad” Volume 2. He then took the show on the road throughout the country plus Canada, Ireland, Scotland and England.

As Marty’s song Apple proclaims, “the apple never falls too far from its tree”.

