

Randle Chowning

Randle Chowning was born April 4, 1950 in Mountain View, MO, near the Ozark National Scenic Riverway Park. Randle's family relocated to Springfield, MO in 1959. This was during the heyday of a nationally broadcast television show, *Ozark Jubilee*, which was based in Springfield. Artists as diverse as *Chet Atkins* and *Brenda Lee* lived there during the period. This was the scene that laid the foundation that would later develop into the Branson, MO entertainment phenomenon located thirty miles south of Springfield. It was in this environment that Randle developed a desire to write songs at an early age. Later, during his time in college at Southwest Missouri State University, he pulled a few other local tunesmiths together who would ultimately become known as *The Ozark Mountain Daredevils*. The *Daredevils* were signed to A&M Records in 1973. Randle wrote and sang the band's first single Country Girl and is also the vocalist on the group's first hit If You Wanna Get to Heaven. The original *Daredevils* appear rarely now, being in semi-retirement, however Randle has assembled a group of top musicians from the Springfield/Branson area to ensure the unique songs of the *Daredevils*. Favorites like Chicken Train, Jackie Blue, If You Wanna Get to Heaven (you've got to raise a little hell), and others are rendered with a power and skill not heard before. For a healthy slice of early '70's pop/rock history as well as Ozark Mountain culture, this is the show to see.