



Arthur Smith
Legendary Artist & Entertainer
Charlotte, NC

- ◆ SC radio and TV pioneer and country music icon
- ◆ Hosted widely syndicated radio and TV shows, which aired for over 30 years
- ◆ Composer of over 500 active copyrights
- ◆ His compositions have been hit recordings for Willie Nelson, George Hamilton IV, George Beverly Shea, Johnny Cash and others.
- ◆ Smith's landmark composition, "Guitar Boogie", sold nearly 3 million copies, topping the Pop and Country charts.
- ◆ His "Dueling Banjos" was the theme song to the hit movie "Deliverance" in 1973, and it was nominated for a Grammy and named BMI Song of the Year that same year.
- ◆ Created first recording studio in SC in 1957
- ◆ Extended his entrepreneurial pursuits to include successful hotel, supermarket and insurance ventures
- ◆ Inductee in SC Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame and NC Broadcasters Hall of Fame
- ◆ Active community servant – hosted WBTW-TV's March of Dimes Telethon for 12 years, taught Sunday School for 60 years, founding board member of the SC State Aquarium and actively involved in environmental concerns around the state.
- ◆ Volunteer leader with scores of charitable organizations including NC Zoological Society, Charlotte Symphony, United Way and Kiwanis
- ◆ Going strong today -- "Woo Hoo" (an adaptation of "Guitar Boogie") is the international theme song for the current VONAGE media campaign. "Dueling Banjos" is the theme song for the current Toyota media campaign.
- ◆ Devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather