

## **CITY OF EUNICE, LA. - PERSONAL PROFILE**

**Houston Lejeune** - Cajun radio announcer and ambassador of cajun music



Houston was born on September 23, 1935 in Mowata, Louisiana and died August 11, 2000. He was self-taught playing the accordion, guitar and drums Cajun style. He played non-professionally.

There were many awards received by Houston. Some of them include a certificate of commendation for his contribution to the Acadian culture by the cities of Eunice, Jennings, Crowley, Lake Charles, Venton, Morgan City and Houma. He received the 1993 CFMA Pioneer Award. Also in 1993 Houston received an Appreciation Award by his listeners for his work at KEUN Radio Station in Eunice, Louisiana.

In 1995 he was inducted into the Louisiana Hall of Fame. He was inducted in the CFMA Hall of Fame in 1999. Also in 1999 Houston was inducted in the CFMA Lake Charles Chapter Hall of Fame.

In 1956 at the age of twenty-one he worked as a State Trooper. In that same year he started

working as a DJ at KEUN AM in Eunice. He also worked at radio stations in Morgan City and Houma.

He became a very popular announcer in the Cajun French language and worked at KEUN for many years. He was loved by Cajun music enthusiasts and was one of the most respected Cajun radio announcers in the history of Louisiana French Broadcasting.

While working as a DJ in the late 1950's he was the first to do remote broadcasting using phone lines, something unheard of in those days. He initiated the first Cajun Day celebration in Eunice, which is now an annual event. His late wife Carolyn joined him later at KEUN and they became a popular husband and wife team.

Later in life because of his failing health, Carolyn assumed all programming responsibilities until her death in 1993. Houston died of cancer at Savoy Medical Center in Mamou, Louisiana on August 11, 2000. His remains are interred at St. Lawrence Cemetery in Mowata, Louisiana.

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