

## Jonathan Wilburn Bio

The name Wilburn has been a part of the music industry for several years. It seems as though when you mention this family, people recognize that you are talking about music. Not just any music, but Gospel Music, that is sang from the heart.

Jonathan Wilburn has taken the stage with his family The Wilburns and Gold City Quartet. His tenure in Gospel music has brought him close to the heart of people from all ages. Jonathan stated, "Gospel Music is my way of telling people what Jesus means to me". You will definitely understand what he is talking about the moment you have the experience of watching this seasoned veteran perform. It seems as though the fans agree, for Jonathan has been nominated and voted America's #1 lead vocalist five times by the subscribers of The Singing News magazine. "My goal was never set on winning any award. I just wanted to sing and pray God would use my efforts to bring a little joy to somebody".

His singing started at a young age sitting beside his mother in church. Jonathan says "My greatest influence in singing was my mom (Elaine Wilburn)." "She sings alto like nobody else." After a long and fruitful time with his family group Jonathan became part of one of the most award winning Gospel groups of all time "Gold City Quartet". During his tenure of over 12 years this group experienced continued success with Jonathan as the group's lead vocalist. Jonathan has been inducted, with Gold City, into the Alabama Music Hall Of Fame in Muscle Shoals, AL and The Gospel Music Hall Of Fame in Nashville, TN.

Jonathan began singing with his son Jordan in 2011, releasing their first CD, *Family Ties*. In 2012, they won the Singing News' Horizon Group of the Year, with Jordan picking up the Horizon Individual Award. It seems like their group began at the top and stayed there, but Jonathan says it wasn't as easy as it may have appeared.

The group's last release, *Shoulders*, has experienced remarkable success on the Singing News Radio Charts with three Top 2 singles, including #1 songs 'You Asked Him To Leave' and 'It's What He's Done.' They also experienced #1 songs on AbsolutelyGospel.com's weekly chart, including songs 'Jesus Will' and 'You Asked Him To Leave.' Wilburn and Wilburn have been honored with 2012 Breakthrough Artist of the Year and 2016 Country Album of the Year for *Shoulders* at the annual Absolutely Gospel Music Awards Celebration.

In 2017 Jonathan made the decision to become a solo artist after his son Jordan came off the road to spend more time with his wife and young children. In support of his solo career, Jonathan Wilburn is currently in the studio working on a new release, entitled ***God & Country***. This album is on the Daywind label and produced by Scott Godsey, vice president of Daywind Records. The project is slated for a Fall 2017 release.

Tim Riley says this about Jonathan, "He (Jonathan) is a Spirit filled singer with great energy on stage and I would recommend Jonathan for any church or promoter".