

Les Paul Tribute written by John Baumann



Les Paul 1935



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Les Paul literally wrote the book on Multi-Track recording and in 1941 created the first Solid-Body electric Guitar.

Les Paul over-dubbed his homemade solid body Guitar 8 times onto a two track (half track) Ampex tape recorder to create the multi-track layering sound that we take for granted today back in 1947.

He was a Guitar player's Guitarist. As good as it gets. In 1950 Les Paul and the Gibson Guitar Co. started working on a solid-body electric Guitar together. By 1952 Gibson released the Les Paul electric solid-body Guitar.

It is still the most popular solid-body Guitar in the world. (www.gibson.com)

Practically every rock group that makes a living recording and performing has a Guitarist playing a les Paul. They come in a variety of styles and prices.

I had one in the 70's, a black Les Paul Custom with gold hardware (wish I hadn't sold it). In Cheryl Dillard's fun packed video from our reunion committee's Buffalo Hunt BBQ Party I'm playing a one-of- proto-type (long story) Gibson Les Paul Shadow Gold Top electric Guitar on Dick Dale's Misserlou instrumental.

NOTHING could ever make me part with it!

Les Paul....The Great One....People who have never heard of him have been hearing Gibson Les Paul Guitars all of their lives.

Les Paul passed away Thursday August 13th 2009 at age 94. He was still playing at 90. He will be remembered always

Thanks for letting me share this with you. John R D Baumann