

## Bio on Bryan Graves

Raymond Bryan Graves was born in Nashville TN. in Sept of 1966 to Josh and Evelyn Graves. He was named after legendary Bluegrass singer Lester Raymond Flatt. Bryan began his musical and stage career at a young age touring and performing with his dad, Josh Graves, playing guitar and sometimes bass. Josh is a legendary Dobro player and an original member of Flatt and Scruggs and Hall of fame Member who brought the "Dobro" to the forefront of Bluegrass music.

At the age of 5 Bryan was exposed to the Earl Scruggs Revue going to rehearsals and live performances and looked up to not only his father, but also to the younger players such as Gary, Randy and Steve Scruggs along with Jody Maphis. It was Rock music with Bluegrass instruments and it appealed to him differently than the normal Bluegrass that he had heard his whole life and would stick with him forever.

In 1985, until the early 90s, Bryan sang and played lead guitar in his own original rock band "Lundon Angel" touring the country. 1992 saw Bryan begin performing as Paul Stanley in a KISS tribute band. The group toured worldwide with performances in Japan, Korea, South America and all over the US and Canada.

Bryan remained with the group until 1999, when he was cast in the musical, "Summer of '66." The musical was directed by Ted Swindley (Always Patsy Cline) and ran for 2 years. During this period, Bryan also gained national exposure when he sang background vocals for many of the artists that appeared on the "Crook & Chase" morning show on The Nashville Network (TNN). Then forming the band "October " a country vocal group where he played lead guitar and sang and had a development deal with "Warner Brothers" record label.

Bryan returned to play guitar with his father for his remaining years and then Bryan made his return to the tribute genre in 2001 when he rejoined the KISS tribute that he had been a member of several years prior. Shigadig Productions was started by Bryan in January of 2007. His company produces original music, commercial jingles and movie Soundtracks. Bryan left the KISS tribute in January 2009 and joined 7 Bridges - The Ultimate Eagles Experience as their permanent bassist/vocalist portraying Timothy B Schmit and Randy Meisner.

In 2015 Bryan had an Idea to recreate what he had in is heart and soul the whole time. The sound and feeling he had at a young age "The Earl Scruggs Revue" to Bryan it was a natural fit, with blessings from Gary Scruggs, Jerry Douglas and Marty Stuart, to name a few. Bryan along with his cousin Tim Graves, has set off on a journey that they are calling "Graves Bloodline" to carry on and protect the memory of days past. With "Graves Bloodline" the past is back and rolling into the future.