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Graceland TN

Background Stories

Everyone knows the name of Elvis Presley. He was one of the 20th centuries, most famous entertainers. But there are background stories, which are not well known, and deserve to be remembered.



Elvis was born with a twin brother. The twin brother was born first, but still born. The mother and father were distraught, but being poor did not know that they were carrying twins. After 90 minutes in Second boy was born. This was Elvis Presleys.



Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi to a poor family. He was, of course, a handsome young, talented man. He was at the right place and time to take advantage of sweeping changes and music.



Elvis, of course, popularized the gyrating style of dancing that is well known today. Although we would accept this dancing today, it was outrageous and rejected at the time. Parents all over America were outraged at the influence that Elvis had on their children. This led to enough pressure on Elvis to volunteer for two years of US Army service.

Everyone knows of his military service, but unknown was that he tried to pull his weight, just as a normal enlisted man would. Elvis was offered his two years of service with the US Army entertainment detachment. But, he thought normal military service would better help him revive his reputation.



Also unknown is that he never lived in the Barricks. He lived with his extended family luxury German hotels. Later he rented a German home for \$800 a month, a considerable amount at that time.

But he was a superstar in his own right at the time. To his credit, he tried to serve as a normal enlisted soldier. He did come home daily at 6 PM rising at 6 AM, except Friday. Fridays he came home late because he would be cleaning the latrine or kitchen getting ready for Saturday inspections.



After two years, he was discharged as a sergeant E5. He received an honorable discharge. He came home a national hero, more popular than ever.

One other unique aspect of Elvis Presleys is that he is buried at Graceland, where he died. He certainly could have moved to Hollywood, lived on Malibu, and done pretty much what ever he wanted. The museum showcase, showing the testimony of just about every famous singer and

group known today attest to the fact that he was one of their contemporaries. The Graceland home is ornate, but at 7600 ft.² very small for someone of this stature. It's a testament to his humble upbringing. It also shows his loyalty and affection for Memphis Tennessee.





The Graceland tour is a wonderful activity that any family passing through the area should take advantage of. There is a lot to learn from his life other than what we have been told.

