

HIGHWAY HOME

Central Iowa based Highway Home, is a bluegrass band specializing in keeping the traditional sound of bluegrass music alive and kicking. The band promises to keep you entertained while they play for you some selections you might not have heard in years. These songs will range from old bluegrass gospel songs to hard-driving, tap your feet bluegrass standards. All six members of Highway Home have a quick wit and a great sense of humor that come forward (unrehearsed) during their performances.

Strong vocals, tight harmonies, powerful instrumentals, and fan interaction have made Highway Home a crowd favorite at many events where they have appeared. They are members of SPBGMA, (the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America), SEMBA, (Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association), and TSBA, (Tri-State Bluegrass Association). Highway Home has performed throughout the Midwest at festivals, fairs, conventions, and other family related venues since their debut in 2002.

Members include husband and wife duo, Lonnie and Kathy Fults, Susan Miller, John Purk, and Mark Drudge.

Lonnie (guitar, vocals) will likely do most of the MC work as well as sing lead and harmony vocals. He has been nominated twice as male vocalist (traditional) for SPBGMA, and received the top award at the 33rd Annual Bluegrass Awards in Jefferson City Missouri in January of 2007.

Kathy (lead and harmony vocals) is also a two time nominee for female vocalist (traditional) for SPBGMA. Her strong lead and high tenor voice is just what the doctor ordered. Although she does not play an instrument, her leg pat and toe tap timing is perfect. Her smile makes the sun shine wherever she is.

Susan (bass, vocals) does a masterful job of keeping everything in tempo with her solid sense of timing on the dog-house bass. She sings very good lead and harmony, and along with Kathy, makes the group better looking overall. She was also nominated for bass player of the year in 2006.

John (mandolin, fiddle) is truly a master at his craft. He will amaze even the best players with the precision and skill he demonstrates on his vintage Gibson. He has been nominated, and has won, many awards for his abilities over the years. Although John is a man of few words, he speaks volumes through his mandolin. If persuaded, he will play a fiddle tune from time to time.

Mark (banjo, vocals) likes to tell everyone he is from Four Acre Indiana, which is northeast of southwest. He has a powerful style that blends with whatever you are playing and can take the lead or add the fills effortlessly. Mark is also a fine lead singer and adds harmony when needed. His on-stage antics make him a joy to watch.

Highway Home was nominated for nine total awards in 2006 and is very proud of each and every one of them. The group is most proud of their families, friends, and fans that support them for what they truly love to do. Keep pick'n!