

## Jim and Lynna Wooley Bio and Information

“Jim and Lynna Woolsey are two of my favorite songwriters and singers-and a vital part of the Woodsong Farm Writers Community for two years. They have more than talent and determination. They have that magical quality of being tuned in to real life, attention to the small stuff, and open heartedness that makes for great songs, and great friends.”

— Louisa Branscomb, performer, instructor; Grammy-winning composer. Founder, Director Woodsong Farm Songwriter Retreat

Inspiration for The Road That Brings You Home came from years of living. Each song tells a story in our lives. They are a collective testimony of more than a century of lives lived and learned through the good, the bad, and the ugly. Memories and adversities are recorded in each line and melody. These songs are inspired by the unspeakable joy that comes from the realization that we are not in control, that every life is a gift to be treasured.

Performing together for nearly three decades, Jim and Lynna finally decided it was time to make a professional CD with professional musicians. They called [Randy Kohrs](#) and the rest is history. Randy not only produced/engineered, but also play resonator guitar & sang harmony on this CD. [Mike Sumner](#) co-produced and played banjo. [Clay Hess](#) added great mandolin tracks, [Mark Fain](#) added an awesome upright bass track, and Tim Crouch outstanding fiddle tracks. "It's been a lifelong dream to produce an album of our original material", said Jim. Born into a family of musicians, Jim began playing with a popular local band The Patoka Valley Boys when he was just fifteen years old. Soon after, he and Lynna met and married, she also started playing and singing in the same band. In 1979, a documentary was made about the band and is still posted on folkstream.net. Tough, Pretty or Smart which was produced for public television by Dick Cane and Dillon Buston.

As a single act or in a band, Jim has shared the stage with acts like The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Andy Williams, Marty Robbins, etc Both Jim and Lynna have won various bluegrass awards for Old Time Vocals, Guitar, Mandolin as well as many band titles. In 2002 and 2003, our band Fields of Home, won first place in the Indiana Pickling and Fiddling Contest. Jim and Lynna have performed together at the Bluebird Café in Nashville and Goldie's Opera House in Owensboro. They also won the Kentucky Fried Chicken Talent Hunt, in 1989. Jim also appeared on You Can Be a Star and much more.

"Community is very important to us and we often give benefit performances. We also sing at churches in the tri-state, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. We love being able to lend a hand to the community that has supported us over the years and those in need of help," comments Lynna. We are dedicated to getting our music heard and performing as much as possible, and are looking forward to performing for you!

*“Obscure old gospel mountain music or contemporary tunes seldom really click with me. An exception would be some of the little gems that Indiana songwriter Jimmy Woolsey has penned.”*— Dan Tackett - BluegrassJournal.com

*“‘Bittersweet’ is less bitter than sweet. That’s a fact. The new CD sounds excellent top to bottom and Jimmy is one killer songwriter. Can’t tell you how good it is to hear new material. Something crucial to the future vitality of our music.”* — Cary Allen Fields, WICR-FM, Indianapolis