



Anthony "Tony" Thibodeaux

Tony was born in Rayne, La. On June 2, 1938, to Mr. & Mrs. Nestor Thibodeaux, also natives of Rayne. He was the fourth of eleven children.

His interest in the violin began at an early age. When his younger brother decided he was not interested in the old violin his dad had bought, then Tony began to learn to play. A friend helped him tune the violin. He played his first dance at the age of ten.

Later when his family moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, there he met Adam Maitre. He played with Adam Maitre's band.

He played with the late Aldus Roger, playing five to six times a week. After thirteen years with Aldus Roger he then played with Belton Richard's band.

Some of the other bands Tony has played with are: Paul Daigle, Jo-el Sonnier, Blackie Forestier, Lawrence Walker, Rodney Miller, Doris Matte, Vin Bruce, Walter Mouton, Cheryl Cormier. He has recorded with many of these bands.

Tony has instructed several young students and he is thankful for Mr Rufus Thibodeaux's support and help over the years.