

Jon Hager of the Hager Twins Dies in Nashville

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The Hager Twins were not only fellow performers and artists on our roster at Third Coast Talent , they were also our very dear friends. Their love for each other and for making people laugh was evident onstage and off with their quick ad-lib humor and crazy but hilarious antics. Of course, they were also wonderful singers with that incredible twin sibling harmony that only comes from being "wombmates".

Jim & Jon were always the first in line to donate their time and talents for charities and for people in need in general. If you were ever feeling down, you could count on the brothers to lift you up with a kind word or sweet gesture.

Jim & Jon had a way of making you feel like instant family. Jon used to say that everywhere they performed together was "like coming home".

Even though we will miss them more than words can say, we are so happy that Jim & Jon are together in their final "homecoming", and we know that they will be welcomed with open arms by all of the angels in heaven.

Carrie & Debbie Moore

Article courtesy of CMT NEWS:

Hee Haw cast member Jon Hager, a member of the Hagers vocal duo, was found dead Friday morning (Jan. 9) in his Nashville apartment.

Although an official cause of death has not been announced, the 67-year-old entertainer apparently died in his sleep. He had reportedly been in poor health since his twin brother Jim died suddenly of a heart attack on May 1, 2008 in Nashville.

Jon and Jim Hager appeared on Hee Haw's first episode in 1969 and remained on the popular TV series until 1988. Raised in the Chicago area, the brothers were adopted by a minister and his wife. As teenagers, the twins regularly performed on a Saturday morning music show for teens on WGN-TV/Chicago. After serving in the Army, they moved to California, where they played in clubs and eventually landed a job performing at the Disneyland theme park. Buck Owens attended one of their Disneyland shows and signed them to a management, recording and booking contract. They spent several years opening shows for Owens, who also co-hosted Hee Haw. The Hagers signed to Capitol Records in 1969 and charted five country singles.