

I was born in San Francisco, California. Ever since the age of seven, I have shown natural talent and a strong desire to play the keyboard and sing. Being from a large family of three brothers and four sisters, my mother purchased a piano when I was about two years old. She did not play by ear, she played by music and I would always watch her play. It didn't take long for me to start banging on the piano.

My father was in the military and we traveled all over, from place to place during my childhood. When I became thirteen he purchased a home in Oakland, California. It was there I started my first band. We called ourselves the Inspirations of Soul. We were in Junior High School doing gigs in nightclubs and in little hole-in-the walls along East 14th Street. Our first manager was my father; he would take us to play at the N.C.O. Clubs at the Army and Navy Bases in the Bay Area. I was able to play all rhythm instruments at the age of seventeen. I started about four bands from the time I was in Jr. High School until I left college.

I have recorded and played with such recording artists as Rufus Thomas, Jesse James, Dorothy Morrison and Richard "Dimples" Fields. I sat in with George Duke's Band at an outdoor concert sponsored by KBLX radio station. In the 90's I started playing alone as a one-man band in nightclubs, socials and wedding engagements.