



Tex Beneke *W2CKD -
KØHWY* 1914-2000
Born Gordon Lee Beneke, Ft
Worth TX. Tex's wife
Dolly was W2EHR. Our
subject was a saxophonist,
actor, singer and bandleader.

Tex best remembered with
association with Glenn
Miller's Orchestra from 1937
until 1942, with the
Modernairs to support him,

became one of the bands signature members, in short order one of its most popular vocalists.
Beneke appeared with the Miller Band in films and network radio.

Beneke joined the Navy in WW2, leading a Navy Band, he was discharged in 1945. He formed a new band in conjunction with Glenn Miller's estate a year later. As late as 1947 Beneke was setting attendance records, in some cases out drawing the original Glenn Miller Orchestra itself. Tex Beneke and the Miller estate severed ties in 1950.

Tex continued to perform under his own name with no official connection to the Miller estate. He was inducted into the Big Band & Jazz Hall of Fame in 1996. - He died of heart failure in 2000 at age 86. (I'VE GOT A GAL IN K-A-L-Amazon!) I can still hear it! Partially scripted from Wikipedia.

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