

# Bobby Vee: Musician

**Bobby Vee was a rock and roll figure of the 1960s. He is a recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider award. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the life and musical career of Bobby Vee.**

## Archival Collections

### 10157 North Dakota Oral History Project Records

#### Cass County: Tape 41

Oral history interview transcripts, indexes to recorded oral history interviews, interview referral files, interview files, photographs, lists of donations to the Project, oral history interview transcripts relating to the Governor's Mansion, family histories, biographies, reminiscences, and manuscripts. Most of the records document administration of the Project. Genealogical information and oral history interview transcripts make up the remainder of the collection. Sponsored by the North Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Farmers Union, the Project conducted oral history interviews with older North Dakotans and others who were participants in significant events in the history of the state.

### 10547 Kathie (Ryckman) Anderson Papers

Papers consist of a draft manuscript copy entitled "Dakota: The Literary Heritage of the Northern Prairie State" from which excerpts were published in North Dakota History, as well as research, notes and publications about North Dakota authors and musicians, and cassette tapes of interviews with North Dakota authors.

### 31888 Governor. Edward T. Schafer Records.

#### Box 204, Folder 5

Consists of correspondence; subject files; news releases; minutes of state agencies, boards, and commissions; reports of state and federal agencies; brochures and pamphlets; constituent correspondence; photographs; memoranda; and printed material. Series relates primarily to administration of executive branch state agencies, state institutions, legislation, the Midwest Governors' Conference, and the National Governors' Conference. July 26, 2011

## Useful Search Guidance

### Subjects

- "The Shadows" band
- "Susie Baby"

### People

- Robert Velline (Bobby Vee), 1943-2016

### Locations

- Fargo, North Dakota
- Moorhead, Minnesota

## Journal Articles

*Dance Band on the Northern Plains: Bob Calamé and His Music in North Dakota, 1949-1957*

Harl A. Dalstrom and Kay Calamé Dalstrom – *North Dakota History* Vol. 46 Issue 3

*Making Music: Brass Bands on the Northern Plains, 1860-1930*

William G. Huey – *North Dakota History* Vol. 54 Issue 1

*Bobby Vee*

*North Dakota Blue Book 2021-2023*

## Books

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### *Boyd Christenson Interviews*

1983 - Boyd Christenson

Original videotapes of the interviews are maintained as part of the reference collection of the State Historical Society at the Heritage Center in Bismarck. --Subtitle: Intimate portraits of North Dakota's best-known personalities, Louis L'Amour, Lawrence Welk, Milton Young, Harold Schafer, Roger Maris, Quentin Burdick, Dr. Anne Carlsen, Bobby Vee, Mike Morley, Jim Adelson, Lenus Carlson, Agnes Geelan, Fritz Scholder, Ida Prokop Lee, Cliff "Fido" Purpur. --Televised, copyrighted interviews originally appeared on Prairie Public Television, 1980-1983.

Call Number: 078.4 C463b

### *Liberty Records: A History of the Recording Company and Its Stars, 1955-1971*

1993 – Michael "Doc Rock" Kelly; with a foreword by Si Waronker

Includes a chapter on singer Bobby Vee

Call Number: 781.6602660973 K298

### *Vee, Bobby*

General Information File Biography

## Online Resources

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### [Governor to Present State's Highest Honor to Rock Star Bobby Vee](#)

Standard newspaper article from February 10, 1999

### [SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

### [Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

### [WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

## External Resources

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### [Bobby Vee - Run to Him \(AB - Nov 13, 1965\)](#)

YouTube video of one of Bobby Vee's songs

### [Bobby Vee, Sixties Pop Idol, Dead at 73](#)

Rolling Stone article written by Daniel Kreps

## State Archives

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For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email [archives@nd.gov](mailto:archives@nd.gov) or call (701) 328-2668.



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