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## **Chuck Gillespie** "Uncle John"

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He loved the mountains the sunny skies rainy days and stormy nights

And sage brush blowin' in the wind Took care of Grandma until she died-a loving son by his mother's side But now with her gone—he was free

(Chorus)

He was a man who had a plan to finally set himself free From the secrets alive in the closets inside To become who he wanted to be West Texas called his name He left for the Southwest plains In his T-Bird he was gone I miss Uncle John

He sold trinkets, little toys, shoe laces for girls and boys And heard the nightlife call his name Hung out with other men like him His secret faded with the wind And one by one—the family learned

(Chorus)

He was taken in his prime without a cure and no reason whv

And memories are all I have His best friends were my Jane and me We'd give anything for him to see

The families we both have

He was a man and now he has finally set himself free

From the secrets alive in the closets inside

To become who he wanted to be

The Good Lord called his name

He left one autumn day-and that moment he was

gone—I miss Uncle John

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