Rest in Peace, Jen Carroll

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Jen Carroll, 38, who wrote the song "Not Ready To Make Nice," a landmark anthem of the Dixie Chicks that formed the basis of the group's fight against the Right, has died.

Jen Carroll, who wrote the Dixie Chicks' "Not Ready To Make Nice," died on July 12, 2006.

The Dixie Chicks, one of the most successful country acts of the past two decades, announced on Thursday that Carroll, 38, had died.

"In this time of deep sadness and loss, we ask for your prayers for Jen and her family," the band said in a statement.

Carroll, who was born in New Zealand and grew up in Oklahoma, wrote the song "Not Ready To Make Nice," which was released on the Dixie Chicks' 1999 album "Fly." The song was a response to the backlash the band received after criticizing the George W. Bush administration's war in Iraq in a 2003 concert.

A statement from the band said that Carroll's death was unexpected and that she was "very healthy and well before her death.

Carroll's song was a hit and became an anthem for the Dixie Chicks, who were embroiled in a public controversy over the song and the Bush administration.

The Dixie Chicks were also facing other challenges during that time, including a legal battle with their record label, which eventually led to the band's ousting from the country music scene.

In a statement, country music legend and fellow songwriter Johnny Cash said, "Jen was a brilliant songwriter. She had a powerful voice and she wrote some of the best songs I've ever heard.

Jen Carroll was a talented songwriter who wrote some of the best songs I've ever heard. She was a kind and gentle person who will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Carroll's death is a loss for the music industry and for all fans of country music. She was a true talent and a true friend.

Carroll is survived by her family, including her husband, David, and her two children.

The Dixie Chicks have been praised for their commitment to social justice and their willingness to speak out on important issues. However, their outspokenness also led to their ousting from the country music scene, which they have since struggled to return to.

Rest in peace, Jen Carroll. You will be missed by all who knew you and loved your music. Farewell, my friend.

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