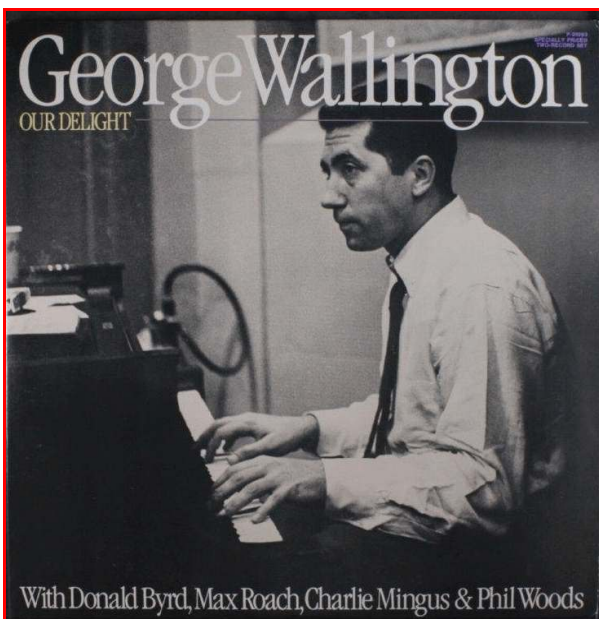


George Wallington *W2DSE* 1923-1993 - Jazz great, key board wizard, musician and writer. Wallington born in Italy (some accounts) original name Giacinto Figlia - his family moved to

New York in 1925. Our subjects father, an opera signer, enrolled Geo in music school, where he took the name George and earned the nickname Lord Wallington for his classy dress.



In 1940 just age 15, Wallington left school. He played in the neighborhood band of a Dutch immigrant named Kai Winding, who had not yet reinvented the trombone as an instrument for the jazz solo and began gigging around the city, taking jobs in small nightclubs in Brooklyn and the Village.

After an extensive music career our subject ended playing and recording in late 1950s for a time and cited the stress of endless touring - moving to Florida and entering the family business "Dr Cool's Clinic" An air-

conditioning and repair business. What a better place in the nation to have a HVAC business! George became a champion Skeet Shooter and devoted a lot of time to his ham radio hobby, holding an advanced class license still using his prized W2DSE.

In 1984 George more or less out of nowhere came out of retirement, to accomplish 3 very good recordings. Nine years later he expired in Coral Gables. Partially scripted from material by Tim Marchman 2000. Read "New Partisan" Knight's Music; Tim Marchman on George Wallington. Check out the Wallington Discography "It is very extensive!!" To W8JYZ Old Old QSL's

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