

## **Randy Utterback – Mandolin, Dobro, Lead Guitar and Fiddle**

Randy Utterback was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This is when he started playing the guitar at age nine. His mother had a violin and when Randy was in the fifth grade, he began taking violin lessons. Randy spent his youth playing in different bands in southwest Iowa and Omaha Nebraska, mostly playing the guitar and violin. He continued to add string instruments to his skill set, to include the Mandolin and Dobro.

In 1995, Randy moved to Colorado and met John Adams in 2000, automatically joining the band. Randy admits that he was only familiar with a couple of John Denver songs. *“I’ve grown to love John Denver’s music and had no idea of the many wonderful songs he sung.”* Randy currently performs with several bands and songwriters in western Colorado, recording and performing locally. Being a jack-of-all-trades, Randy usually brings at least four instruments to most of his gigs playing guitar, violin, mandolin and Dobro. Randy currently lives in the Western Colorado town of Paonia, with his son, Calen.