If you’ve heard a country song within the past 55 years, then you’ve heard the amazing influence of Patsy Cline. Her talent has been an inspiration to countless country western artists ever since her career was tragically cut short in 1963. Virginia Patterson Hensley, a.k.a. Patsy Cline, was born in Winchester on September 8, 1932. With lots of Shenandoah Valley spunk, she sky-rocketed to fame in 1957. In just seven short years, the undeniable Patsy Cline gained a reputation as one of the major female vocalists of all time.

The Crazy for Patsy Cline Tour is a guided tour of detailed biographical information on Patsy’s life and career.

A stop at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center features a special “Becoming Patsy Cline” exhibition on her formative years and a gift shop with Patsy souvenirs.

Take a 30-minute guided tour of the Patsy Cline Historic House, located nearby at 608 S. Kent Street, where Patsy lived with her mother and siblings. Walk where she walked, see where she slept, and hear stories about the decisive years she spent living in the home while pursuing her music career. The house is a physical testament to Patsy— the guile of a country girl destined for fame, her genius and impending success, and reminders of her youthful exuberance and determination.

On your driving tour, pass by the WINC radio station where Patsy’s sweet melodies first filled the airwaves, and Gaunt’s Drug Store, where Patsy worked as a teenager, making sodas on the fountain side of the store.

The group will travel on Patsy Cline Memorial Highway (Route 522 South) to Shenandoah Memorial Park. Here they can pay tribute to Patsy at her final resting place, learn more about her untimely death and see the bell tower that stands in her loving memory. Bring a penny to leave for good luck!

A Patsy Cline singer can be scheduled to perform for your group for an additional fee. Funds raised from this tour will go toward maintenance of the Patsy Cline Historic House in an effort to help keep Patsy’s memory alive.

Contact the Winchester-Frederick County CVB for more information on how to book this tour with Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc.

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