George Jones, 50000 Names

There's teddy bears and high school rings and old photographs that mamas bring Of daddies with their young boy, playing ball. There's combat boots,he used to wear, When he was sent over there. And there's 50,000 names, carved in the wall

There's cigarettes, and cans of beer and notes that say I miss you dear and children who don't say anything at all. There's purple hearts and packs of gum fatherless daughters and fatherless sons and there's 50,000 names carved in the wall

They come from all across this land In pickup trucks and mini vans Searching for a boy from long ago They scan the wall and find his name The teardrops fall like pouring rain and silently they leave a gift and go

There's Stars of David and rosary beads and crucifixion figurines and flowers of all colors large and small There's a Boy Scout badge and a merit pin Little American flags waving in the wind and there's 50,000 names carved in the wall.