

## Midnight Blue Country Band

Performing Friday night here at the 2019 Drakesville Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion is the Midnight Blue Country Band. Midnight Blue is a classic country band based out of Southern Iowa. Husband and wife duo Joe and Lori King from Drakesville bring countless hours of stage performance to the group. Joe is a multi-instrumentalist but plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals with the band. He began playing guitar at age 5 with a great deal of encouragement by his grandpa and parents. Joe and Lori also play in a bluegrass band and spend many weekends on the road with that group and performing in area clubs with Midnight Blue. Lori met Joe in 1993 and was introduced to the music industry by Joe. Lori had always loved to sing but was not skilled as a musician. In the last 20+ years Lori has learned to play bass as well as guitar. Lori plays guitar with the band and sings lead and harmony vocals.

Joining the band on bass is multi-instrumentalist Dan Clemmons from Sigourney. Dan cut his teeth playing mandolin, bass, and guitar on bluegrass music and joined the band in the fall of 2016. In addition to playing in the band Dan loves Volkswagons and Bootscootin' at area dance clubs!

Rounding out the band and keeping the beat on the drums for Midnight Blue is James Doud from Bloomfield. James grew up performing classic country with his dad and uncles in southern Iowa.

Be sure to check out Midnight Blue on the stage following the parade Friday night. You will hear a wide variety of music to keep you listening or on the dance floor!