Lots of stars have made films in Tenn

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Dear Ken: In your opinion, what are the 10 best movies shot in the state of Tennessee?

Well, first of all, everybody has different tastes. Mine favor older movies over contemporary. Here goes: 1: “Wild River” (1960) with Montgomery Clift and Lee Remick; 2: “All the Way Home” (1963) with Robert Preston and Jean Simmons; 3: “W.W. and the Dixie Dance Kings” (1975) with Burt Reynolds and Art Carney; 4: “I Walk the Line” (1970) with Gregory Peck and Ralph Meeker; 5: “Walking Tall” (1973) with Joe Don Baker; 6: “The River” (1984) with Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek; 7: “The Liberation of L.B. Jones” (1970) with Lee J. Cobb and Roscoe Lee Browne; 8: “The Firm” (1993) with Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman; 9: “A Walk in the Spring Rain” (1970) with Anthony Quinn and Ingrid Bergman; 10: “Marie” (1985) with Sissy Spacek and Jeff Daniels.

Dear Ken: In how many of John Wayne’s movies did his character die?
I count eight: “Central Airport,” “Reap the Wild Wind,” “The Fighting Seabees,” “Wake of the Red Witch,” “The Sands of Iwo Jima,” “The Alamo,” “The Cowboys” and “The Shootist.” In the John Ford classic, “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance,” Wayne’s character is dead at the beginning of the movie.

Dear Ken: How many seasons has “The Simpsons” been on TV now? How many episodes? The actress who does the voice of Marge Simpson, what other TV shows or movies has she been in?
“The Simpsons” is in its 22nd season, and about 488 episodes have aired. Julie Kavner, 60, who speaks for Marge, co-starred in the TV series “Rhoda” and was in the movies “Hannah and Her Sisters,” “Radio Days,” “Forget Paris,” “Click” and many others.

Dear Ken: Whatever happened to British singer Lulu, who had a big hit with the song “To Sir, With Love”?
Scottish singer-songwriter actress Lulu Kennedy-Cairns, 62, has had a long and varied career in music, TV and film. Once married to Maurice Gibbs of the Bee Gees, she continues to sing and appear on the telly. This past fall she was host on the BBC TV series “Rewind the 60s.”

She recently appeared on QVC with a skincare product. You might enjoy her 2002 autobiography, “I Don’t Want To Fight.”

If you have a trivia question about actors, singers, movies, TV shows or pop culture, e-mail your query to Ken Beck at