

NOT WITHOUT FAMILY!

As a young boy growing up, I was always surrounded by music in our home. I remember my Mom and Dad singing along with the radio in the car. Music played such an important part of the joy in our lives.

When I was sent home from kindergarten for doing an impression of **Johnny Ray** singing “**CRY**” while others were singing “**I’m A Little Tea Pot**” during **Show and Tell**, my parents marched to the school to defend their son.

I am reflecting upon such memories because I recognize how important it was and still is to have family believe in you and your dreams.

My maternal grandparents loved music and dancing and my grandfather’s nephew was part of **La Scala Opera Company** in Milan.

My fraternal grandparents raised my Dad and his brother with that same love for music. Both sides of the family instilled the value that you can fulfill your dreams in this land of opportunity. No dream would be too grandiose.

My Mom and Dad always supported my desire to sing and perform and through all the bumps and difficulties in this business, they were there for me when I thought the dues were too overwhelming. They along with my sister Lori helped me to continue to believe.

My daughter Elise has been with me every step of the way, all the while never losing sight that Dennis Bono, foremost is her Daddy, and she’s my little girl. She has two terrific kids that seem to be very proud of their Papa Den.

My beautiful wife Lorraine and her entire family have helped to make my life complete and have been so much a part of helping me continue to follow my dreams.

The reason I’m doing so much reflecting on my life is because in this issue of La Voce, under La Mia, Famiglia, you will see a photo gallery of the most important people in my life. One cannot fulfill their dreams without the support and love of family. My life continues to be most rewarding and those photos will explain why. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did finding them.

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