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Scott O'Neil "Memoriam"

For nearly all of the eleven years of the Dennis Bono Show, Scott O'Neil has been not only my announcer, but my sidekick, my "Ed McMahon"

Last month, tragically, we lost this great talent and great friend to all of us in our musical family. Those of us who loved him find some solace knowing he passed on while doing what he loved.



Scotty's career spanned over 50 years in broadcasting. From North Carolina where he grew up, to LA to Vegas, his rich voice was most recognizable.

When my first CD, *By Myself*, was released, I was in LA trying to "work" the record and get as much exposure as possible. Because I hadn't been promoted by a major label, I wasn't having any luck getting airplay. Scott O'Neil was the program director and on-air personality at the legendary KMPC in Hollywood. It was a Gene Autry owned station playing "The Great American Songbook". I couldn't get by the security guard at the gate; however he promised me he would try to get the CD to the program director.

Within the next 24 hours, Scotty played the CD on air and brought me into the station for a live interview. Thanks to Scotty, the response was overwhelming and as many of our listeners and readers know, Tony O, Jilly, and Mr. Sinatra heard the record and everything in my life changed from that moment on.

Years later, Scotty joined the Dennis Bono Show and not only became the voice of the show, but he developed into one of the great "straight-men" in the business.

We shared great times on the golf course and as Yankee fans. He was an important part of my life as both a personal friend and a pivotal part of the Dennis Bono Show. He was a man of great integrity and character. All of us on the show and all of his fans will miss him dearly but his voice will continue to be the voice of the Dennis Bono Show and continue to be heard over the airways.

Rest peacefully my friend, you will never be forgotten.



Dennis Bono is the host of *The Dennis Bono Show*, recorded live every Thursday at South Point Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Las Vegas. The show is nationally syndicated and can be heard on the radio in 13 states, Canada, and Mexico. For a complete schedule of stations and air time, please visit www.dennisbono.com. For booking information, please contact Louise West: Louise@dennisbono.com