



David Mann *K2AGZ* 1916-2002 - David was born David Freedman in Philadelphia. Already playing piano by ear at age 3 or 4, amazing his family.

At age 13 Dave was playing in the Philadelphia area and supporting an extended family.

After his Curtis Institute days Mann moved to NYC and became a steady Decca Records session man. He worked with Charlie

Spivak's orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey band and Artie Shaw. All the while Mr. Mann was composing and had an office in the Brill Building where many composers and music publishers have their offices. Over his wonderful career, David has collaborated many Hit songs, some of my favorites "In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning" - "Don't Go To Strangers" - "No Moon At All" & my old time favorite "There, I've Said it Again." That one is a prolific hit (stops me in my tracks) and thanks to Vaughn Monroe in 58 and again to Bobby Vinton later on, it sold millions of records in 1963.

During WW2 Dave served in the U.S. Army and upon discharge in 1945 the Army had the honor of placing one of their own, at the behest of the White House, as a personal pianist to President Truman. That honor was usually reserved for a Navy man. Dave served for less than a year in that position, but spent many evenings sitting at the elbow of President Truman while Truman was playing poker and would say that Mann was bringing him luck!

Mann appeared in the films; "Twenty Grand: - "I Dood It" - "Four Jills and A Jeep"- "Pin-Up Girl" and "Second Chorus."

I heard Dave on 75 Meters in the late afternoon during the 90's before I realized who he was. Dave was one of the 99'ers who hung out on 3999 kc. He was in retirement and enjoyed conversations with the old timers on the band. (99'ers) were a talented bunch and you could always count on a good conversation. They met daily for many years and I am sure some never knew David Mann was a million seller song writer and professional at the piano.

David will be remembered best by his writing of the Songs "There I've Said It Again" with Red Evans and "In The Wee Small Hours of The Morning." A Sinatra hit! Thanks for the memories Dave! Partially scripted jazzhouse.org