

MANDEL KRAMER

Mandel Kramer was a New York based radio and television actor whose career spanned the golden ages of radio and television into the 1980s.

Kramer was born March 12, 1916, in Cleveland, Ohio. Kramer did some acting in high school, then attended what is now Case Western Reserve University for one year. He attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, returning to work at the Cleveland Playhouse and on radio at WTAM in Cleveland. His first show there was "Northern Lights". A year later, he returned to New York and successfully auditioned for "Gangbusters".

Kramer was a prolific voice actor. In an interview in 1974, he estimated that he did perhaps a thousand shows a year, averaging 15-20 shows a week.

He was a featured player in "The Adventures of Superman," "This is the FBI," "Adventures of the Falcon", the sci-fi "Exploring Tomorrow," and many others. He played Peters in "Counterspy" (his favorite role) and the crime drama 21st Precinct. He played Tom Bryson in the radio soap opera Backstage Wife; Sam Ellis in Stella Dallas; Lieutenant Tragg on the radio version of "Perry Mason"; and was in several episodes of "X Minus One".

Kramer was the last actor to play the title role in "Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar," 1960-1962.

From 1953-1955, he played Richard Hanley in "The Guiding Light", the longest running television soap opera.

In 1979, Kramer was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal of Bill Marceau in "The

Edge of Night," a role he played from 1960 to 1979. The show was shot live until 1975.

Kramer also made a number of appearances on the 1970's radio program "CBS Radio Mystery Theater". He was in 12 of the 193 episodes recorded for 1974 and 13 of the 212 episodes for 1975. In 1982, the last season, Kramer starred in 6 of the 127 episodes. Kramer died January 29, 1989, in Chappaqua, New York.

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