

Al is a singer, guitarist, writer, producer, and entertainer.

First sang publicly at the age of eight at a square dance held in Castle Hayne, NC.

He sang with the original well know regional rock band "The Sounds of Time" while in high school(1966 - 1968) which also featured Jimmy Waldo (New England, Quite Riot, & Alcatrazz keyboardist)

He has opened shows with legends like Fats Domino, Louisiana Leroux, Black Oak Arkansas, The Drifters, The Band of Oz, Maurice Williams & the Zodiacs, Percy Sledge, Bo Diddley, Various East Coast Beach Music Singers and groups, Marty Robbins, Barbara Mandrell, Dolly Parton, the Kendalls, George Jones, Gene Watson, Laverne Tripp, Doug Oldham, Brian Free, and other well known artist.

Watkins also appeared as a presenter on the 2002 CCM Awards Show with the likes of Dottie Rambo, Hank Jr., Ronnie McDowell, Del Way, Stella Parton and many others.

He has published recordings over the years in several different genres:

Regional Hits

- (1968) One Last Kiss & Love Lights (Life Around Wilmington Magazine)
- (1978) 39-21-46 / Mountain of Love (Live Around Wilmington Magazine)
- (1979) In Your Arms / Hell of a Band (WKLM / WMFD radios stations)
- (1982) Midnight Hour (WWAY TV 3)

National Hits

- (1984) "All She Needs is a Man"/"Nothing Takes the Place of You" (Cashbox)
- (2003) Stand By Me (Power Source)
- (2004) Daddy Don't You Walk So Fast (Power Source / CMP)
- (2004)Barefootin (Powersource Nashville)

International Hits

- (1985 - 86) Dixie Rock n Roll
- (2003 - 04) Radio Revival (God's Country Chart)
- (Summer/Fall 2004) You'll Never Walk Alone (God's Country)

He appeared as himself in the April 1986 movie made for TV "Carolina Gold" which aired on the Odyssey Cable Network Nation wide.