

Carol Ann Sutton

July 27, 1939 – August 28, 2019

On August 28, 2019, North Metro Chorus lost a beloved member. Carol Sutton had just reached her 80th year and for 50 of those years, Carol devoted her time and talents to the chorus. Carol joined the Sweet Adeline Organization in 1967 and along with 16 other women chartered North Metro Chorus. A few years later in 1971, Carol was instrumental in attaining the talented Director June Dale who agreed to direct North Metro Chorus, although few in numbers at the time. We all know how the chorus grew under June's leadership and today North Metro is one of Sweet Adeline International's showcase choruses, five time International gold medal champions, and highly respected and admired throughout the barbershop world.

Back to Carol.....when Carol joined Sweet Adelines her interests included curling, skiing, swimming and later on she developed a keen interest in art. Her decorating skills were remarkable! Carol could decorate and prepare a room fit for royalty. At a 35th Anniversary celebration of North Metro, the venue was adorned with beautiful white lights, flowers, and decorations while violinists strolled between the tables entertaining everyone with their beautiful music. The scene was breath-taking to put it mildly, and all due to Carol's talents and vision. Carol and her team, like Santa's elves, had worked many hours to prepare the room to resemble a fairy-tale wonderland. Will anyone who knew her ever see twinkling white lights again without thinking of Carol Sutton and the magical touch she brought to every event? Chorus celebrations, and there were many, always began with the magic of walking through the doors of the event venue to be suddenly transported into another world befitting the theme of the celebration.

Another of Carol's skills shone through in her administrative capabilities. She was voted North Metro's President for no less than 13 years, Vice-President, Treasurer, CCL, and many other positions within the chorus. There was no limit to Carol's talents, and her desire to continuously contribute to the success of the chorus.

Carol's beloved Mom, Maud Potts, was also a member of North Metro for many years; they shared a wonderful mother/daughter relationship. Carol's husband Ralph, was a supportive and loving husband through all of Carol's years in North Metro; their three daughters, also supportive, loved watching and listening to their Mom and their Grandma perform in many productions through the years.

Carol had such a charming and engaging personality, she was truly loved and respected by everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. She touched all of our lives and our hearts, and we were blessed to have been her friends and shared our music together. North Metro chorus members are so very grateful to her for all that she did in organizing and administratively leading this large successful chorus of dedicated women. She truly was a cornerstone of the organization, deeply grounded in the foundation of North Metro from its inception. Carol leaves a rich legacy with her lasting contributions, the memory of her big heart, and her spirit which will always permeate everything we do and represent. We miss you Carol.

Hazel Dewsbury (former member of North Metro Chorus) January 2020