

Laverne Rousseau

2005

It is with great sadness and regret we announce the passing of Laverne Rousseau on September 17, 2005. Laverne was diagnosed with Lung Cancer in August, 2002.

Laverne joined Sweet Adelines in 1957 with the Oshawa Chapter. While with Oshawa, Laverne formed a young girls 4-part harmony chorus. Laverne's 3 daughters, nieces, chorus members' daughters & friends made up this good-sized group. Laverne taught the girls a few songs; they had a chorus costume & performed at a few outings. Laverne was also involved in a few quartets, always singing lead (or baritone when needed).

In the mid-eighties, Oshawa Chorus amalgamated with Mississauga Chapter to form Don Valley Chapter. Then, in 1987 Laverne, along with 8-12 other members transferred to North Metro Chapter. She was on the Board of Directors; held the position as Secretary, as well as other positions on the Board. She was a tester for the Lead Section. In 2004 she won the "North Metro Harmony/Sweet Adeline of the Year" award.

Through failing health, she still maintained her chorus membership, golf membership, oil painting with the Whitby Seniors' Centre, volunteered with St. Vincent's Kitchen 'Meals on Wheels' program and music convener with her Church Choir.

Laverne was so much fun and such a dedicated friend, family and chorus member. Those who knew Laverne will remember her outgoing personality, style, care and charisma and as always, being dressed to the nines. She will be missed by so many - all feeling fortunate to have known her.

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