

Mary Snow

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It has been a devastating summer of loss for North Metro as we said a final farewell to three long-time members – the latest being Mary Snow.

Mary Snow was a forty-year member of Sweet Adelines and a thirty-year plus member of North Metro. Although outwardly a very reserved and private person, she loved to laugh and roomed for years with the same three members of the chorus – one of whom was the late and much loved Maud Potts.

A 'lady' in every sense of the word – Mary carried herself with dignity and pride. At Regional Conventions, North Metro members would be fascinated upon entering her 'quad' room where she and her roomies would have a lace tablecloth set out, the lights off, china on the table, candles lit, quietly eating eggs, bacon, toast and fruit for breakfast. We never did find out how they managed that, but they certainly turned 'rooming at convention' into a fine art.

Mary's sewing skills were legendary – those who might remember our 'Old Grey Bonnet' performance of years ago, when we wore silver grey satin and pink chiffon, while June wore a magnificent pink dress exquisitely ruffled, saw first-hand how brilliantly Mary sewed. One of June's children, upon seeing her in Mary's creation, said, "Mommy, you look like a princess!"

Also – if you remember the silver lurex top hats with tulle – a very distinctive accessory from years ago – Mary designed and made the hats for every chorus member. Again – such creations were put together quietly at her home, with no fuss or expectation of recognition. She was genuinely surprised when she was praised for her creativity.

Mary came from a long line of 'barbershoppers' and her nephew and great nephew today sing with MegaCity Chorus, while her great-great niece has just joined North Metro.

Those of us who drove with her each week grieved as her sight failed and she began to slip away from us into that awful world of Alzheimer's. Eventually she was unable to come to chorus and she could not really remember her beloved North Metro.

We, however, will ALWAYS remember her!

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