

Sarah (Sadie) Moore

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As North Metro members prepared for the 2019 Regional Contest, we were very aware that one of our founding members was not on the risers. Shortly before contest, our beloved 90-year-old 'Sadie' passed peacefully in her sleep at Lakeridge Palliative Care Unit. There was not one day during her brief illness and hospitalization that Sadie was without one or more chorus members by her side. Funny chorus memories were shared and sometimes North Metro music was quietly played to her. Towards the end, her chorus friends just sat and held her hands, so that whenever she awoke she knew she was never alone. She knew how loved she was!

Sadie was the first person new members saw. As one of North Metro's Assistant Directors it was Sadie who voice-tested chorus applicants. Many recalled how kind and supportive she was, with her warm smile, hilarious sense of humour, and that lovely Scottish lilt in her voice. She made the audition process as welcoming and relaxed as possible.

It was after she emigrated to Canada from Scotland that Sadie met her husband John – also a barbershopper. They were married happily for many years until he passed. She used to say that she came all the way to Canada to meet and marry another Scot!! He was the love of her life, and had the same sense of humour. Listening to them chatting together was like watching a comedy show! Sadie's two younger brothers, whom she adored, remained in Scotland but visited her regularly. During the past few years, Sadie became acquainted with the laptop computer. We set her up with 'Skype' so that she could Skype her brothers every week and speak to them every day!

Sadie loved to make others laugh and over her more than 50 years as a North Metro member, took part in many skits and comedy performances in order to entertain the members. She emceed many chorus events and even directed the chorus during the wedding service of one of June Dale's daughters. She spoke often about the joy that being part of North Metro brought into her life. We speak of the joy that she brought into our lives. We loved her, will miss her, and were blessed to have had her with us for so long!