

Meet the Queen of Kindness-Betty Franklin

In the Songlight- Written by Colleen Pierson



Betty Franklin is a sweetheart—always treating people with kindness, respect and compassion. She has been a member of Sweet Adelines for 25 years.

Her residence is Haslett, Michigan so she carools with our friends Ellen, Mary, Kate and Jeanne from the Lansing area. The drive is worth it. Her memories are many.



“GRSA is my therapy and I will continue to sing as long as I possibly can,” she explained.

After she raised her children, determined Betty set out to get a college degree. “I started taking two classes at a time. It took me a while but I graduated in 2000 at the age of 50 years old with a Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts,” she said with pride.

You wouldn’t know by looking at the quiet, demure and smiling Betty, but her favorite job was pounding concrete and nails. She worked for a precast company and for 11 years made columns. It was a time-consuming job, but Betty loved it.

While she was a 4-H food leader she was chosen to attend an education event in Washington D.C. “While there, I was chosen to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. What a special event that was for me,” she related.

Betty’s family include a daughter, son and granddaughter who live in Haslett and Tucson, Arizona.

The last statement that she exclaimed: “I am so very proud to be in The Grand Rapids Chorus of Sweet Adelines.”

And we are proud to have you, Betty.