

Magnificent Marie Koltvedt has been with Sweet Adelines for 25 years



In the Songlight by Colleen Pierson.

Aren't we lucky to gain a new member with 25 years of Sweet Adeline experience? Such is the case with Marie Koltvedt.

"I got involved with GRSA through Deb Densmore. I used to sing baritone in Sashay Quartet with her for about 7 years," she explained. Marie finds our GRSA chorus to be very welcoming. Although she wasn't quite sure at first.

"I wasn't sure what I was getting into when I first visited-the whole change of director thing. But Judy Westers and her whole team have really stepped up. I transferred to GRSA from Song of Atlanta in Georgia," she said. She had a twin sister (Anne Marie) who passed away recently. We are very sorry to learn of this. Our sincere condolences.



"My mother was a twin and we have twin and triplet cousins all over the place. My twin sister and I had daughters on the same day about 13 hours apart. My mother, from London England, was a war bride during WWII and came to Michigan after the war with my dad. I have 5 children (4 girls and 1 boy). They range in age from 54 to 44. We gave 7 grandchildren who range from 28 to 3," she explained.

Her Sweet Adelines experiences are varied and diverse.

"I was 20 years in the front row with the Grand Traverse Show Chorus and Choreo chair for the same amount of time. I was the baritone section leader for some time as well as the costume and makeup chair." She comes to us from Holland, Michigan and sings lead. When I asked what her favorite memory has been in those 25 years of Sweet Adeline membership, the answer came easily:

"It's got to be competing with Song of Atlanta on the international stage and taking 3rd place. What a thrill," she reflected enthusiastically. We are so thrilled to have you with us Marie.

