

A JILL of All TRADES- Meet Cyndy Sherfick McAtee

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What can't this talented woman do? A creative graphic designer on most of our materials, an accomplished pianist, a dedicated Mom and a gifted singer. Cyndy Sherfick McAtee is definitely the Jill of all trades.



She started singing lead with our chorus in July of 2019, then switched to baritone. What is remarkable is she is from a very small town-- of less than a thousand people-- in Southern Indiana, but she still was capable of discovering the Arts.

“You would think in the middle of Indiana corn fields one wouldn't find much in the way of art and culture, but luckily my hometown Shoals is smack in the middle between Indiana University and the University of Evansville. At IU I trained with the head of the piano department of the Jordan School of Music, Karen Shaw. At Evansville my piano instructor, Gregory Davis, was taught by Igor Stravinsky's son who was a pupil of Franz Liszt. My childhood piano teacher only lived a mile up my road and was trained in New York City. My Grandfather had his own orchestra. My parents owned their own

ceramic and flower shop that they ran as a side business. Mom is 89 and is still a fabulous seamstress and tole painter. Art and music have always been a big part of my life. I taught music for 39.5 years, and by the time I retired I was teaching grandchildren of former students. I miss it a lot,” she explained enthusiastically.

She is a worker bee and always makes time for her family. “I have two daughters, Sarah who is a cardiac nurse at Corewell Health and Carrie who recently was hired by Whirlpool for web design. My Granddaughter Emma is 6 and keeps me busy and entertained”.

Her future with our group will include all the small details she always takes care of to make us all look great And... “I was really looking forward to the Ireland and Scotland trip and hope I am still able to go (if my knee cooperates). My biggest ethnicity percentage belongs to Scotland at 30%. England, Ireland, and Wales adds another 30%. I love genealogy so I could really geek out over there,” she concluded.

Hey Cyndy, We hope you geek out with us for many years to come.