

In Memoriam Floyd Guernsey



Floyd and his wife of fifty-four years, Jacquie, raised four children in the Dearborn, Michigan area. He worked at Ford Engineering for over 30 years and spent his spare time acting in community theatre and singing with the Ford Chorus. In the early 90's the Guernseys retired to Traverse City where he joined the Cherry Capital Chorus, a member of SPEBSQSA. Thus began a love affair that lasted until his death in 2004. He served as president of both the Ford Chorus and the Cherry Capital Chorus. In 2001 Floyd and Jacquie moved to Central Florida and settled in the retirement community of The Plantations.

One of the first items of business was to get established in an area church. Since Jacquie was an ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church, they looked about and finally settled on Holy Trinity Church in Fruitland Park. Of course, Floyd joined the tenor section of the choir. A fellow member of the choir, Lee Shawcross, invited him to attend one of the meetings of the newly forming Heart of Florida Chorus. Shortly thereafter, he became a charter member.

Floyd was a truly ebullient person and singer. He never met a stranger and you felt that when you met him, it was the best thing that happened to him all that day. His entry into the Chapter Eternal is a loss to us and gain for them.