**Remembering a Former Chorus Member (**Part of Board Membership Report)

Last week I got a call from Linda Platzer wife of former member Bob Platzer. For all of our members who are unaware, and I’m one of them; Bob Platzer passed away on March 1, 2021 after many years of physical problems. Bob had been on oxygen for a long time. On a cruise Bob fell and broke his pelvic bone. He finally succumbed due to different infections and complications. Bob was laid to rest in Bakersfield, CA. Bob was 81 years old. Bob is survived by his wife Linda of 45 years, and his 2 daughters and their family.

Bob Platzer joined (SPEBSQSA), the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America in 1990. Bob became Bass Section leader and led the daytime Community Outreach Swingouts. At that time our chorus was called the Valleyaires. Bob with his deep bass voice was involved in 3 different chapters throughout his 31 years in the society; Crescenta Valley, CA, San Fernando Valley, CA. and most recently South Bay, CA. Bob was registered in 5 quartets. Bob was also an 8-year member of the Ancient Harmonious Society of Woodshedders.

In 2006 “60 Something” became the FWD Super Senior Quartet Champions with Chuck Walton-Bari., Jim Summers-Lead, **Bob Platzer-Bass**, and Jim Revell-Tenor.

Even though Bob left our chapter in 2015, he continued to pay his dues up until March 2021. Bob Platzer was a 31-year member of our chorus.

In Hi School Bob sang in the chorus and formed his own quartet. Bob was in ROTC where he learned to fly. He joined the USAF in 1958. In 1961 he joined the LAPD. You can view several pictures of Bob on the Image Gallery of our website. In the September/October issue of The Harmonizer, Bob Platzer is listed in the Chapter Eternal section in the Far Western District as South Bay. I’ll also write about Bob in my next article in FWD Westunes, which is online.

For all of us who knew Bob; He was a bigger than life character with a quality bass voice. Bob will be missed by all who knew and sang with him. Bob is now reunited with his beloved “60 Something” quartet buddies.

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