

Shirley Ann Stedman

Ms. Michigan 1998

Cameo Club Vice President



One of the biggest and proudest moments of Shirley Stedman's life was winning the Ms. Michigan Senior Crown in 1998. As Ms. Senior Michigan she competed in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in Biloxi, Mississippi and was 4th runner-up in the Queen's Court.

As Ms. Michigan Senior 1998, Shirley traveled all over the State of Michigan. In her travels she received a key to the city, cut ribbons at grand openings, rode in parades, performed for Mayors of two different cities (by special request), received two very special commendations, one from the Governor of the State of Michigan, the other from the City of Flushing. She also performed at Mother-Daughter Banquets, Volunteer Luncheons, Cameo Showcases, the Michigan State Fair, and in Las Vegas. For the past eight years, Shirley has performed in the "Flushing Frontrow

Follies" senior show, and also performs with the "Four Queens and Two Jokers", a group of former Senior Michigan Queens. Shirley also does a lot of performing at senior nursing homes.

While entering a beauty pageant was a first for the retired secretary, she is no stranger to public performances. In the 1950's and 1960's, Shirley was a professional singer and performed with the Brahm Ward Orchestra in Flint and around Michigan.

Shirley worked for AC, a Division of General Motors Corporation for 28 years, retiring in 1986. While employed at AC she was 1st runner up in the Miss AC Contest, which allowed her to perform in many G.M. Sponsored shows, meetings and singing for such notable celebrities as Art Carney, Bob Hope, Perry Como, Andy Williams and Miss America.

Shirley, a native of Flint, Michigan, moved to the Flushing area 30 years ago. She is married to Larry, "a wonderful guy". Shirley and Larry have two great daughters, Sandi and Lynda and four grandchildren: Johanna, Shawn, Bryan and Ken.

When she is not entertaining, Shirley works as a volunteer at the Flushing Area Senior Center. She belongs to the American Business Women's Association, Candel-glo Chapter, the McLaren Hospital Auxiliary, and the Pilgrim Chapter of the Eastern Star.

It's all about a little girl who wished with all her heart to be a singer and entertainer, and has realized her life's dream by winning the Ms. Michigan Senior Crown -- a title of which she is extremely proud.