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Music has always been an important part of my life. The seeds were planted early.

My own musical journey began as an infant listening to my father sing to me. I can't thank my dad enough for sharing that gift with me! As a toddler I was doing the hokey-pokey in front of a black and white TV broadcast of *Uncle Al*, a Cincinnati area children's program. By fourth grade I was singing in the school children's choir at daily Mass and on Sundays and wishing my family could afford a piano so I could learn to play.

Through the years I've sung in school and community choruses, directed and accompanied church choirs, and learned to play guitar (it's more portable and less expensive than a piano!)

Currently I'm a certified director in Sweet Adelines International, direct a local chapter chorus, and sing baritone in a barbershop quartet. I am a professional educator of more than 35 years and an *amateur* musician in the truest sense. I do music because I *love* it. Music has enriched my life. I hope to pass that on to my students.