

## Remembering Bert

Our dear friend, and the founder of our organization, **Bert Volker**, passed away in October. He is *the* reason that The Ambassadors of Harmony are able to bring you this holiday performance. A great singer and a man of many talents, Bert believed that a new chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, then known as SPEBSQSA, was needed in St. Charles. In 1963, he set about making that happen.

Bert is pictured below holding a Barbershop Harmony Society banner, standing with other founding members of the St. Charles chapter, which was chartered in April of 1964, and later became *The Ambassadors of Harmony*.



Bert supported our chorus in many ways, as a singer, Assistant Director and chapter officer. He sang in many quartets, the most notable being *The Gaslight Squires*, who sang together for 15 years. Bert was still singing at our picnic in September (right), just a few weeks before his passing. Bert is with us in spirit in this performance, in our tenor section, singing his very best. He is with us in our hearts, and with you through our voices today.

