

## JUDGE DAN FLEETHAM AND BOBBI LYNN BARNEY'S SONG AS TOLD TO ANN WADSWORTH

Ann Wadsworth: "Today is Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> 2013; this a recording of Mr. Dan Fleetham, Sr, who with Bobbi Lynn Barney are going to talk about the story of Bobbi Lynn and her first car purchase when she was 16, and how Dan Fleetham, the Judge helped her recoup all the money because it was sold to her as a lemon."

Dan: Explains that he forgot his earphones today because he had Meals On Wheels, and when he took his delivery partner home (Dan Jr.) he forgot to put his hearing aids in.

Bobbi Lynn: "That's easy to do". "Well, Dan, do you remember the time, I was 16 years old; I had to go to court,' you were the Judge because a man over in Enfield, NH had sold me a car that didn't work, and my dad said, well we are just going to have to bring him to court; I really didn't want to do anything like that, and I didn't know; I thought that because I had already paid the money I would never retrieve the money again, but my dad said no, we've got to hold this man accountable; he sold a car that's not running properly, and wrote 'as is' on the receipt after I had already paid the down payment.

Dan: (agreeing that it "wasn't right"; it was junk".)

Bobbi Lynn: And I was so upset because I was 16, and my first car, and I was so excited to be able to drive, so we did what I was very nervous to do; we went to court, and you were the judge, "Judge Fleetham", and I had to stand and tell the story and I was very very nervous, but you calmed us right down and you were very matter of fact, and it went in my favor, of which I was very pleased and excited, because then I could give the car back and get my money back and start all over again, and I appreciated that so much, and later on I saw you and I was very excited and I said 'you've done me a great favor; is there anything I can do for you?" (laughing) "I fully expected you to say 'oh no, no, that's the law, "", but instead you said 'Yes, there is something you could do for me; someday, would you sing my favorite song for me", and I said "What is your favorite song Dan?" He answers 'AIDA')

Bobbi Lynn: Yes, that's right "Don't cry for me Argentina" [from EVITA], so I said okay, I'll do that, and years and years went by ; I was sitting at home figuring out how many years have gone by, and it was something like 35 years, and I knew you were creeping up there in age, and I thought I'd better get this done! So, every year the Lion's club puts a birthday party for you, (your birthday's in February, right?) and they give you a huge cake, and I said if ever I'm going to do this, I've got to learn this song; I hadn't seen the play, and it's not an easy song to learn, so it took me a little while to learn and anyway I learned the song and sang "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" for you at the Lion's Club dinner. (laughing), and I felt such relief – because I was paying back my promise – I like to keep my promises! And I was promising you that, and so thankful, and now I get to sing it again!"

Ann Wadsworth: So will you sing it again?

Bobbi Lynn: I'm going to sing it for you again!!

Dan: Oh yes! Oh Good!

Bobbi Lynn sings a capella and says after "That's for you, Dan – a second time", and once again I thank you for helping me with my court case – I have never forgotten that, and I appreciate it so much.

Dan: "Well, that's probably one main thing I liked being a judge and that was helping kids get out of problems; and really, one of the lawyers said 'you were kind of edgy there, you said you had a good small claim, but it was an ordinance - probably one of the first cases like that but ....(Bobbi Lynn said "it sets a precedence for others' that perhaps they won't do that to young kids".