**Linda McCarthy Bio**

Linda grew up in North Bay and studied piano as a child. She obtained her Grade 8 music and Grade 2 theory from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. After attending St. Mary’s Commercial Academy, she was employed as a medical secretary in a medical office which served three family physicians; two of whom were surgeons. She worked in this capacity for eight years until the arrival of her first child. She raised a family of three children, while obtaining her degree from Nipissing University and became certified as a Human Resources Professional. Linda then worked as a Human Resources Generalist at the North Bay Regional Hospital until her retirement in 2006. Wanting to get back into music, Linda contacted Neil Kennedy who recommended that she ask Betty Farris about joining the J.O.Y. Band. Without previous woodwind experience, Linda took up playing the alto saxophone. She continues to play first alto saxophone with the J.O.Y. Band. Linda also currently plays with the 22 Wing Band, and the Eddy Band (Nipissing University). During Covid, Linda was given the opportunity to learn the clarinet and joined the Second Wind Clarinet-Flute Ensemble. Rounding out her musical participation, Linda sings in the St Andrew’s United Church choir.  When she is not playing music, Linda’s favourite hobby is photography. She loves going on photo safaris with various friends in search of unique photos.

‘Being a Boomer Ain’t Bad’ was Linda’s first studio recording experience and although a little intimidating at first, she welcomed the experience. She looks forward to many more years of playing and singing.