

FOREVER PLAID

Once upon a time, there were four guys (Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie) who loved to sing. They all met in high school, when they joined the Audio Visual Club. Discovering that they shared an affection for music and entertaining, they got together and dreamed of becoming like their idols -- The Four Aces, The Four Lads, The Four Freshmen, The Hi-Lo's and The Crew Cuts. They rehearsed in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing supply company. It was here they became Forever Plaid -- a name that connotes the continuation of traditional values, of family, home and harmony. Although Rock 'n' Roll was racing down the fast lane like a candy apple "VETTE", they believed in their music. As their sound developed, they sang at family gatherings, fund raisers and eventually graduated to supermarket openings and proms. They had little time for romance or leisure for they supported their fantasy by holding down "day" jobs. -- Frankie was in dental supplies, Jinx was into auto parts, Smudge was in bathroom fixtures, Sparky was in better dresses. They devoted themselves to their singing at nights and on weekends. Then finally, they landed their first big gig at the Airport Hilton Cocktail Bar-- The Fusel-Lounge (February 9, 1964)

En route to pick up their custom-made Plaid Tuxedos, they were slammed broadside by a school bus filled with eager Catholic teens. The teens were on their way to witness the Beatles make their US television debut on the Ed Sullivan Show and, miraculously escaped uninjured. The members of Forever Plaid were killed instantly. It is at the moment when their careers and lives ended, that the story of Forever Plaid begins.

TRCP CAST: **directed by Jackie Stahr**

Jinx- Paul Russell

Frankie- Tim Kilmartin

Sparky- Chad VanderMei

Smudge- Max Bales