



**In Memoriam – Gone But Not Forgotten**  
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**Over the years, many of those that were involved in square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc., both in Arkansas and elsewhere, have gone on to The Eternal Square. These individuals who have gone on before us...whether callers, cuers, taws (their spouses), or dancers...helped to make the hobby what it is today. While they're gone from our dance floors, they are certainly not forgotten. This file is to give an idea of what dancing was like in Arkansas many years ago, both with dancers and with clubs...and long time dancers may recognize many of these names and clubs.**

**I've also added the names of clubs that are no longer dancing...and also a listing of clubs that are still dancing, but have moved from their original dance locations. Note that there may be more than one instance of the same name for a particular club, but the clubs were in different cities. And, I've also included the names of national callers and cuers who have passed on as well, especially if they had called or cued special dances in Arkansas in the past. Names of callers and cuers who have "retired" from the hobby, are not noted, as I don't know if they're still around or not.**

**Thanks to callers Carolyn Birdsong and Roy Hestand, the late caller J.K. Fancher, retired cuer Mick Watts, dancers Jody King, Jim Riddle, Kathy Tankersly, Regina Turner, Lura Wade, Theresa Muth, Randy O. "Captain"**

**Bowling, Ginny Short, Roger Garner, Becky Hestand, Ellen Lewis, and to Lanita Pettey Hammett, among many others, for much of the info in this file. If you have word of any other callers, cuers, or dancers, who have passed away...or for Arkansas clubs that have disbanded, please send an email to the Editor at [assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com](mailto:assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com) – all I need is the club name and the city where they danced...or the name of the caller, cuer, their spouses, or dancers. Obviously, if you don't email me, there's no way I'm going to know about it. In each category noted, items are listed alphabetically.**

**The clubs that are still “dancing” may be DARK (not dancing) during the summer months. Go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> for details, and call before you travel, in case of last minute cancellations. Also, some clubs noted as “no longer dancing”, may actually still be dancing, but they are no longer ASSDF members.**

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#### **In Memoriam - Callers, Cuers, And Their Taws (Spouses)(57)**

**Carol Borengasser, Joe Borengasser, Hal Boyette, Roy Breeden, Art Brown, Bill Buck, Martha Buck, Danny Burris, Sam Carolan, Bo Dyer, Wes Dyer, Genevieve Fancher, J.K. Fancher, Craig Fletcher, Marshall Flippo, Gene Gancarczyk, Buddy Gillespie, Cal Golden, Doris Goss, Jerry Hill, Allen Ingram, Earl Jones, Billie Kerr, J.D. "Pappy" Kerr, Lee Kopman, Betty Lincoln, Bill Lincoln, Melton Luttrell, Lee McCormick, Bob Neidecker, Wendall Parker, Eddie Ramsey, Wayne Redden, Dusty Rhoades, Don Seamans, Elmer Sheffield, Bill Sherrill, Mike Sikorsky, Bill Speaker, Jerry Story, Jimmy Straughn, Michael Straughn, Bill Strawn, Harry Sutton, Yvonne Sutton, Jerry Don Testerman, Bill Tiner, Roger Turner, Eukie Walden, Patti Wheelington, Ray Wheelington, Marvin White, Barbara Wilder, "Wild Bill" Wilder, John Williams, Ruth Williams, and Carroll Woolverton.**

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#### **In Memoriam – Dancers (279)**

**Eulas Abbott, Jean Almond, Donald Awe, Norma Awe, Joe Boeckman, Howard Backus, Lorraine Backus, Kenneth Bailey, Chet Barber, Madeline**

Barber, Sue Bartlett, Leon Baugh, Jim Baxley, Royce Beesley, Martin Billings, Renee Billings, Glenna Bostain, Virgil Bostain, Dot Boyd, Jack Boyd, Jack Boylen, Rose Boylen, Louis Brown, Brenda Bryan, Floyd Bryant, Marilyn Bryant, Patsy Bunch, Carl Burris, Pam Burris, Harry Bushing, Irene Bushing, June Caldwell, Dan Cannon, Nancy Carter, Joe Cashion, Mary Challor, Bob Cohen, Virginia Lou Cole, Dorothea Collins, Lloyd Collins, Alice Cook, Carl "Pete" Copes, Huie Cossey, Vivian Cossey, David Cranford, Laverne Crook, J.D. Crook, Jack Crowell, James Croy, Bob Cummings, Ben Curry, Gene Daniels, Vi Daniels, Deanna Darden, Lynn Darin, Marcel Darin, Cole Davis, Jean Dearsaugh, Ancel Dezries, Jane Dezires, Don Dixon, Don Duncan, Ben Dunn, Marge Dunn, Camilla Ebinger, Nicholas Ebinger, Faye Echlin, Larry Echlin, Susan Elandt, Randall Elliot, Jeff Fehr, Ben Fletcher, Marge Frazee, Delores Frazier, Joe Frisby, Maurice Furnival, Clarence Galloway, Dewey Gartrell, Jimmy Gates, Jimmy Goheen, Sue Goheen, Mary "Bootsie" Gordon, Chuck Gordon, Huido Grady, Mary Green, Marge Graham, Rudy Graham, Mary Green, Victor Green, June Griffin, Joe Grigsby, Craig Grothaus, Karen Grothaus, Mark Grumbine, Jean Guthrie, George Hagele, Bob Hall, Jim Hall, Hank Hallum, Irene Hamm, Buddy Harlow, Nancy Harmon, Theo Harris, Rusty Hart, Edeth Hawk, Harold Hayes, Walt Hegge, Henry Hensley, Warren Hentrick, Jean Hersh, Nell Hestand, Roy Hestand, Sr., Richard Hicks, Wayne Hicks, Vivian Hicks, Richard Hill, Pierre Hoover, Betty Howell, Dewey Howell, Louis Huff, Billy Osborne Hurt, Wayne James, Glen Jett, Bob Johnson, Ginger Johnson, Mack Johnson, John Paul Jones, Roy Jones, Dorothy Kautz, Russ Kautz, Dorothy Kelso, Bob Kent, Barbara Kiessling, Vaughndel Kious, Helen Weber-Kirkman, Richard Kirkman, Pat Koonce, Gene Kreiner, Rosemary Kukyendall, Elby Lambert, Ken Lance, Mildred Lance, Larry Larson, Shirley Lassila, Warner Latick, John Lehman, Mike Lewis, Bill Liggin, Jack Lohr, Herb Lovett, Jackie Lucas, Lucille Mahla, Dorothy Marchese, Joe Marchese, Sam Martin, Jack Mashburn, JoAnn Mashburn, Jim McCarthy, John McCauley, Gwen McKim, Jerald McKim, John Boy Miller, Ruth Minier, Ella Moats, Sam Moats, Bill Montgomery, Tad Morris, Tom Morris, Lenora Murphy, Duane Needling, Rose Marie Nelson, Wanda Newcomb, W.T. Norton, Don Overholser, Maxine Overholser, Everett Padgett, Kathryn Padgett, Dale Patty, Karen Patty, Nola Plamdeck, Paul Plamdeck, Roy Peck, Anthony Pettey, Curtis Pettey, Maxine Pettey, Ed Pilcher, Rex Porter, Margaret "Peg" Porterfield, Dorothy Pumphrey, Arvle Quattlebaum, Ted Rae, Carolyn Randol, Harold Randol, Clyde Redman, Emma Redman, Tommy Reed, Nolen Ricker, Bob Roberson, Fred Roe, Ray Roetzel, Chuck

**Roth, Cindy Rouse, Mike Rowe, Sam Sample, Jimmie Sanders, Horst Scharoll, Martha Schwartz, Bob Scott, Dale Seigfreid, Joyce Shaw, June Shaw, John Sides, Bobe Sims, Rick Sims, Ernest "Shorty" Sims, Bill Smith, Gordon Smith, Homer Smith, Judy Smith, Floyd "Podgey" Spears, Jr., Joe Speer, Margaret Speer, Bob Springer, Virginia Springer, Johnny Stebbins, John Stewart, Billy Stinson, Ruth Stinson, Betty Stout, J.D. Stout, James Swanson, Ken Talley, Maggie Tate-Lee, John Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Ernie Teachout, Keri Theiss, John Thomas, Viola Thomas, Deborah Thompson, Gertrude Thompson, Joe Thompson, Max Thompson, Ruth Thompson, Gary Treadway, Jerry Treadway, Kathy Tucker, Ron Turner, John Turney, Bill Ukeman, Judy Vinciguerra, Vince Vinciguerra, Dean Wade, Joe Wallace, Nick Walsh, Richard Warrick, Lou Watada, Alice Weaver, Dan Weaver, Joe Weber, Howard Wells, Jeff Wells, Bill Welsh, Connie Wendland, Peggy Werkman, George Wharton, Paula Whitlock, Robert Whitlock, David Wieduwilt, Sue Williams, Lloyd Wilson, Theresa Wisniewski, Diane Woepel, Harold Woolverton, Sammy Woolverton, Max Wright, Myerline Wright, Bob Yarnell, Marie Yarnell, Mark Young, and Myra Young.**

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**In Memoriam – Clubs (134)**

**Arkadelphia: Arkie Stars**

**Bald Knob: Strawberry Strutters**

**Batesville: The Matadors, White River Twirlers**

**Bauxite: Bauxite Square Dance Club, Star Promenaders**

**Bearden: Bear Huggers**

**Bella Vista: Kingsdale Squares**

**Benton: Arkansas Precision Dancers, Bluebird Squares, Cloverleaf Squares**

**Bentonville: Odds And Evens, Riviera Ramblers**

**Berryville: Square Scooters**

**Bigelow: Perry County Promenaders**

**Booneville: Booneville Promenaders**

**Brinkley: Brinkley Squares, Monroe County Clodhoppers**

**Bryant: Dixie Squares**

**Camden: Merry Mixers**

**Cave City: Melontown Jubilees**

**Charleston: Swingin' Cavaliers**

**Cherokee Village: Cherokee Squares**

**Clarksville: Johnson County Twirlers**

**Conway: Conway Rounders, Rebel Reelers**

**DeQueen: Dudes And Dolls**

**Des Arc: White River Robins**

**Diamond City: Swinging Diamonds**

**Dumas: Delta Squares**

**El Dorado: Circle E Squares, Swingin' Promenaders**

**Fairfield Bay: Bay Rounders, Sugarloafers**

**Fayetteville: Lazy 8 Squares, Dudes And Dolls**

**Floral: Ole Time Dancers**

**Fordyce: Cotton Belt Squares, Dancing Dyce**

**Fouke: Teen Rebels**

**Forrest City: Whirling Mustangs**

**Fort Smith: Double D Squares, Fiesta Squares, Jeans And Janes, Swinging 8's**

**Greenwood: Cloverleafs**

**Harrison: Rustic Ramblers, Stardusters**

**Hope: Melonaires**

**Horseshoe Bend: Turkey Trotters**

**Hot Springs: Diamond Squares, Elks Promenaders, Satin Sets, Tri-Lake Rounders, Tri-Lake Swingers**

**Hot Springs Village: DeSoto Dancers**

**Howard County: Diamond Squares**

**Imboden: Lawrence County Buttons And Bows**

**Jacksonville: Dancing Razorbacks, Jet Squares**

**Jasper: Hillbilly Stompers**

**Jonesboro: J-Town Cloverleafs, Promenaders**

**Jones Mill: Hot Springs Twirlers**

**Kibler: Skokos Promenaders**

**Little Rock/North Little Rock: Arkansas Checkmates, Arkansas Lariats, Arkansas Twirlers, Arky Outlaws, Bachelors 'N Bachelorettes (local club of the national organization), Belles And Beaus, Boomerangs, County Cloggers, Diamond Squares, Golden Stars, Goodtimers, Grand Squares, Hi Steppin' Squares, Hoedowners, Hoops 'N Hollers, Jo-Car Squares, Motivators, Pairs And Spares, Rainbow Squares, Rhythm Squares, Rock-N-Saw Squares, Scimitar Squares, Sixties Swingers, Southwest Swingers, Square Mixers,**

**Square Rounders, Tuesday Niters, Twin City Stars, Whirl-A-Ways, Yellow Rockers**

**Lonoke: Lonoke Lariats**

**Magnolia: Shooting Stars**

**Mammoth Springs: Mammoth Springers**

**Manila: Big Lake Hens And Drakes**

**Marked Tree: Teacup Chains**

**Mena: Polk County Promenaders, Polk County Rounders**

**Mountainburg: Ole Barn Dancers**

**Mountain Home: Ozark Cloverleafs, The Sociables**

**Mountain View: Ozark Travelers, Ozark Promenaders, Stone County Stompers**

**Monticello: Timber Twirlers**

**Mulberry: Mulberry Mainstreamers**

**Newport: Swinging Squares**

**Ozark: Bells And Bows**

**Paragould: Pairs And Squares**

**Pea Ridge: Ridge Rockers**

**Pine Bluff: Acey Deuceys, Rock 'N Rebs, Shirts 'N Skirts**

**Quitman: Quitman Squarecrows**

**Rison: Pioneers**

**Rogers: Swinging Eights**

**Russellville: River Valley Squares**

**Searcy: Red River Ramblers, Watt Knot Rounders, White River Promenaders**

**Sherwood: Swingin' Teens**

**Springdale: Shiloh Swingers, Travelin' Hillbillys**

**Star City: Starlights, Swingin' Satellites**

**Stephens: Oil Patch Promenaders**

**Van Buren: Swinging C's, Twilight Squares**

**West Fork: Country Couples**

**West Helena: Big River Promenaders**

**West Memphis: Checkerboard Squares**

**Wherever They Camped: Arkansas Camper Dancers**

**Yellville: Turkey Trotters**

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**Arkansas Clubs that are still dancing, but have MOVED from their original dancing location...or clubs that had originally disbanded years ago, but have been revived, and are dancing again.**

**No recent club changes known of at this time.**