



In Memoriam – Gone But Not Forgotten
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Over the years, many of those that were involved in square dancing, round dancing, etc. -- 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 may be gone from our dance floors, they are certainly not forgotten. This is to give an idea of what dancing was like in Arkansas many years ago...both with dancers and with 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. 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.

Thanks to caller Carolyn Birdsong...caller Roy Hestand, Jr.,...retired cuer Mick Watts...dancers Jim Riddle, Kathy Tankersly, and Regina Turner...and the late caller J.K. Fancher...among many others, for much of the information noted in this file, which was last updated April 21, 2022.

If you have word of any other callers, cuers, or dancers, who have passed away...or Arkansas clubs that have disbanded, please send an email to

assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – all I need is the club name and the city where they were dancing...or the name of the caller, cuer, their spouses, or dancers. Obviously, if you don't advise me of such, there's no way I'm going to know about it.

The clubs that are still “dancing” may be DARK (not dancing) due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check the ASSDF website, located at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> for details, and call before you travel.

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

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

In Memoriam – Dancers

Eulas Abbott, Donald Awe, Norma Awe, Joe Boeckman, Howard Backus, Lorraine Backus, Kenneth Bailey, Sue Bartlett, Leon Baugh, Martin Billings, Renee Billings, Glenna Bostain, Virgil Bostain, Dot Boyd, Jack Boyd, Jack Boylen, Rose Boylen, Louis Brown, Brenda Bryan, Patsy Bunch, 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, Huie Cossey, Vivian Cossey, Laverne Crook, J.D. Crook, James Croy, 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, Susan Elandt, Jeff Fehr, Ben Fletcher, Marge Frazee, 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, Theo Harris, Rusty Hart, Edeth Hawk, Harold Hayes, Walt Hegge, Warren Hentrick, Jean Hersh, Nell Hestand, Roy Hestand, Sr., Richard Hicks, Wayne Hicks, Vivian Hicks, Pierre Hoover, Betty 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, Bill Liggin, Jack Lohr, Lucille Mahla, Dorothy Marchese, Joe Marchese, Sam Martin, Jack Mashburn, JoAnn Mashburn, Jim McCarthy, John Boy Miller, Ruth Minier, Ella Moats, Sam Moats, Bill Montgomery, Tad 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, Ed Pilcher, Rex Porter, Margaret "Peg" Porterfield, 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, Horst Scharoll, Martha Schwartz, Dale Seigfreid, Joyce Shaw, June Shaw, John Sides, Bobe Sims, Rick Sims, Ernest "Shorty" Sims, Bill Smith, Gordon Smith, Homer Smith, Judy Smith, Joe Speer, Margaret Speer, Bob Springer, Johnny Stebbins, Billy Stinson, Ruth Stinson, Betty Stout, J.D. Stout, James Swanson, Ken Talley, Maggie Tate-Lee, John Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Ernie Teachout, 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, 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, David Wieduwilt, Sue Williams, Lloyd Wilson, Theresa Wisniewski, Diane Woepel, Max Wright, Myerline Wright, Bob Yarnell, Marie Yarnell, Mark Young, and Myra Young

In Memoriam – Clubs

Arkadelphia: Arkie Stars

Bald Knob: Strawberry Strutters

Batesville: The Matadors

Bauxite: Bauxite Square Dance Club, Star Promenaders

Bearden: Bear Huggers

Bella Vista: Kingsdale Squares

Benton: Arkansas Precision Dancers, Cloverleaf Squares

Bentonville: Odds And Evens, Riviera Ramblers

Berryville: Square Scooters

Booneville: Booneville Promenaders

Brinkley: Brinkley Squares, Monroe County Clodhoppers

Bryant: Dixie Squares

Camden: Merry Mixers

Cave City: Melontown Jubilees

Cherokee Village: Cherokee Squares

Clarksville: Johnson County Twirlers

Conway: 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

Little Rock/North Little Rock: Arkansas Checkmates, Arkansas Lariats, Arkansas Twirlers, Arky Outlaws, Bachelors 'N Bachelorettes (local area club of the national organization), Belles & 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: Swinging 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

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.

Charleston: Circle Up Squares. The club is STILL DANCING, but it's now known as the Swingin' Cavaliers.

Heber Springs: Heber Springers. The club is STILL DANCING; but they have MOVED, and are now dancing in Rosebud INSTEAD of Heber Springs.

Kibler: Skokos Promenaders. The club is STILL DANCING; but they have MOVED, and are now dancing in Fort Smith INSTEAD of Kibler...and they have also CHANGED their name to the River City Squares.

Sheridan: Swinging Jackets. The club was REVIVED in autumn, 2021...with a class that graduated just before Christmas, 2021.

Texarkana: Guys 'N Dolls. The club is STILL DANCING, but they have MOVED to New Boston, Texas.