



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 – 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.

In Memoriam - Callers, Cuers, And Their Taws (Spouses)(55)

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, Lee McCormick, Bob Neidecker, Wendall Parker, Eddie Ramsey, Wayne Redden, Dusty Rhoades, Don Seamans, Elmer Sheffield, Bill Sherrill, 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.

In Memoriam – Dancers (276)

Eulas Abbott, 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, 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, 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.

In Memoriam – Clubs (133)

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

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

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.

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.

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