



MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

Honor Roll Dancers

Irene and Cliff Miller

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Western style square dancing was in its infancy when Irene and Cliff Miller discovered it in 1954 at a 50-50 Charity Dance in Beavercreek. After one dance they were "hooked" and followed up immediately with basic lessons. At that time, there were only 16 classes used to teach basics and they were conducted by four different callers. After classes, they joined the Dayton Square Dance Club and have been members ever since. Cliff and Irene served on the Council for this club and were the treasurer for two years and its president for two years.

Square dancing became a big part of their life and events began to pile up where they met many persons from across the state and country at National and State Conventions, and on their vacations in Colorado, New York, Wisconsin and Missouri to name a few.

Cliff and Irene expanded their involvement in dancing by learning basic Round Dancing and became members of the Miami Valley Round Dance Club and the Dayton Round Dance Club. They were serving as Council chairmen of the Dayton Round Dance Club during one of its most critical periods and were instrumental in the smooth transition of a merger between the two clubs. Their guiding hand at this time did much to strengthen the Round Dance program in Dayton. Their service as Vice Chairmen of the combined club made the transition a huge success and smoothed the way for Dayton to become one of the better round dance areas in the state.

When the Fourth Annual Buckeye State Convention was held in Dayton in 1963, there were Cliff and Irene welcoming people to Dayton as the Hospitality Chairmen for the event. The Fourteenth Buckeye in Dayton once again saw them as very active members of the registration committee and also serving in the dual capacity as Finance chairmen for the event, which up until that time was the most successful, financially, of all State Conventions.

Serving square dancing has become a credo with them as they have also served as Treasurer of the Miami Valley Dance Council in 1974, Treasurer of Bow and Swing Club since 1956 and also serves as their representative to the Miami Valley Dance Council. Conducting workshops in their home for new dancers as well as numerous appearances on television and as part of demo units to promote round and square dancing serve to illustrate the dedication of this couple.

We in the Miami Valley Dance Council appreciate this effort and dedication to promote and advance square dancing and we are proud to present them as our Honor Roll Dancers.