



## MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL

### Honor Roll Couple

# Ross and Evelyn Shafor

Ross and Evelyn began square dancing thirty-five years ago in 1952 when they first took lessons sponsored by the Oakview School PTA. For the two years following their graduation Ross and Evelyn were chairpersons for the promotion of the Oakview PTA Project for square dance lessons for beginners. With the completion of the PTA project, they joined the Boots and Ruffles Club. Ross served as program chairman and booked national square dance callers like Joe Lewis and Bruce Johnson. Ross was also the Boots and Ruffles president for four years.

After the Boots and Ruffles Club disbanded, Ross and Evelyn joined the Whirlaways and danced at the Orville Wright School during the time the Pavilion was being renovated. They were on the Council of the Whirlaways as social chairpersons and later Ross became the club president.

While continuing to belong to the Whirlaways, they also joined the Dayton Square Dance Club where Ross was program chairman during 1971 and 1972 and then was president in 1973.

Through the years Ross and Evelyn also supported round dancing. They are charter members of the Dayton Round Dance Club. Ross served on the Council, was president for several years and Evelyn was secretary/treasurer for two years.

After over three decades in square dancing and round dancing, Ross and Evelyn are still enthusiastic, loyal and active members of the Whirlaways, Dayton Square Dance Club and Miami Valley Round Dance Club. Their long years of service and broad experience enables them to contribute immeasurably to the success of the programs. They are always willing to perform the humblest task or assist with the most challenging assignment.

Both Ross and Evelyn have strongly supported area and state wide square dance festivals and organizations. They both served on the first Miami Valley Square Dance Festival Committee and have assisted on various committees for every state convention held in Dayton. Ross was one of Dayton's first representatives to the Ohio State Federation and was chairman of the Transportation Committee and "Sound Dance" Committee for the 1962 State Square Dance Convention, Dayton's first.

The interest and enthusiasm that Ross and Evelyn have continuously had for square and round dancing are exceptional. Many times during thirty-three years of dancing they have served as "Angels" for beginner's classes. Dancers throughout the state respect and admire them for their warm and friendly manner, their dedication, loyalty, hard work, and for the positive image they have given to square and round dancing.

For the above, and numerous other reasons, the Miami Valley Dance Council is proud to present Ross and Evelyn Shafor as it's 1987 Honor Couple.