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Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies

Updates



I communicated with **Art Springer's** grandson this past week to check on Art. He was moved to a memory care unit in Brandon in 2023. It's near where most of his family is so they are able to visit him frequently. I asked Billy if he thought art would enjoy receiving cards from the square dancers. He said that Art has good days and bad days when it comes to his memory. He also said that years ago the family started recording his and Martha's stories about the early years.

Let's all send Art some *Thinking of You* cards. His address is 3401 N. Taliaferro Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33603. This has been Art's address for many years. The family is having his mail forwarded somewhere and they take the mail to him. *FYI - Art's birthday is June 24th.*

Art was a very popular caller in the Tampa Bay area. He had a club called Spinning Wheels that met at the North Boulevard Recreation Center in Tampa. They folded quite a few years ago. He was the club caller for Buttons & Bows for 40 years when they were in Mulberry. He also called for probably all the clubs in the Tampa Bay area back then.



I also talked to **Charlie Lovelace**. He and Leona are doing well. They have given up dancing and Charlie got rid of the motorcycle. I think they would enjoy hearing from the dancers too. Their phone number is 352-583-4680 and Charlie's email is luvrds2@gmail.com. Their mailing address is 36919 Trilby Road, Dade City, Florida 33523. *FYI – Charlie's birthday is May 12th; Leona's is October 22nd; and their anniversary is September 30th.*

Charlie cued at Strawberry Square for many years, was the club cuer and Buttons & Bows for almost as long as Art, Temple Twirlers, Spinning Wheels, and Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) He is a past president (1970) of the Round Dance Council of Florida.