

February 15, 2026

Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies

Sympathies



Bigelow, Stephen Frederick Fritz (caller – no club) - born Jul 29, 1958
(dec'd 28 Jan 2026 in Jacksonville, FL).



If you would like to send cards,

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Dale Fredrickson was a large part of the square dance world in the NE Florida area for many years. He left that task behind December 31 to take a new role in heaven.

Our condolences go out to his girls, Dawn, Dale and Sonya, and to the rest of his family. We got to know Dale and his wife Gerry first through the camping square dance world. Gerry left us way too early. She was a special lady that has been missed. Dale was fortunate enough to find Jo Ann Engum and then Pat Everett as partners after Gerry's passing. Dale was a good man who had three great ladies in his life. As time went by, they got more involved in NEFSARDA.

We really became friends when I started calling for the Moose Promenaders and the Gypsy Squares. Dale joined a group of us on our camping golf outings, hosted many of the post-dance fires, and added humor and caring to our group. Dale was one of the charter members of the Moose Promenaders and was part of the reason I am their caller.

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I always seem to find out unknown facts when attending funerals or memorial services. I knew Dale was retired Navy, but had no idea he retired as a Master Chief, E-9. That is an amazing accomplishment by anyone. I also knew that Dale enjoyed his workshop but I did not know woodwork was his favorite.

Dale will be missed at the clubs he continued to visit after he could no longer dance. While physical limitations kept him off the floor, his attendance continued to support the clubs.

You can read Dale's obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/12687708>.

Bill Chesnut

His wife Gerry died Jun 20, 2007. Dale served:

2010-2013 – Gypsy Squares President (Dale w/Joanne Engum)

2006 – Gypsy Squares President

2004 – FL Association of National Square Dance Campers President

2003 - FL Chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Association Vice President

2002 - FL Chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Association Secretary

2001 - FL Chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Association Treasurer

2001 - Circle of Service Award

2000 - 25th Anniversary FL Chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Association
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2000 – Gypsy Squares President

1999-2000 - NEFSARDA delegate from Gypsy Squares

1999 - FL Chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Association Vice Chairman

1996-1997 – Gypsy Squares Secretary

1995-1996 – Moose Promenaders President

1994-1995 – NEFSARDA 5th Saturday Dance Chairman

1991-1994 – Moose Promenaders Banner Chairman

1987 – NEFSARDA delegate from Fun n' Frolic

Dale and Gerry were members of:

Fun n' Frolic, Gypsy Squares, Moose Promenaders

Moose Promenaders are holding a dance to honor two of their faithful members who have been dancing with the club for a very long time. Dale Frederickson was a charter member of the club (formed in 1990); Stephen Bigelow was the Grapevine editor and held many positions in NEFSARDA. This dance will bring to mind many memories of both Dale and Stephen. Please plan to join us for a fun evening. This dance will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All dancers, not just Moose Promenaders, are invited to attend and celebrate these two memorable dancers.