

DANCERgram

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*Joys
Concerns
&
Sympathies*

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JOYS



CONCERNS

Tony Oxendine
11/30/20

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but **Jerry Story** is not doing well. He had a minor heart attack over the weekend and is now in the ICU unit in Iowa. He has major blockages and will need open heart surgery to repair these blockages around his heart. He is on blood thinners, so he cannot have surgery for 3-4 days (to give the blood thinners time to get out of his system).

I spoke with him tonight, and he is very tired, but is in good spirits. Kristy has asked that people do not contact her or Jerry for a while. I will be in daily (multiple times) communication with Kristy, and I will keep everyone informed via Facebook.

You may contact me directly if you need to at tony@tonyoxendine.com or you can call me at 803-840-0746.

Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers.

If you would like to send cards, his address is 2270 Marigold Blvd., Fairfield, IA 52556.

Jerry Story Update - December 2, 2020 - 1:15PM

Things have taken a wrong turn. Jerry had another heart attack yesterday and is back in the ICU. Prior to the heart attack, the doctors discovered a blockage in his upper thigh. They plan on doing a procedure on that today. This new situation has led the doctors to make the decision to move Jerry's triple by-pass surgery from Tuesday to tomorrow. Tony spoke with Jerry around noon today and he is in relatively good spirits.

Please continue to keep Jerry and his family in your prayers. **In the interim, please do not try and contact Jerry or Kristy.** Tony Oxendine is serving as the point of contact and will provide updates as they become available.

FACEBOOK UPDATE Jerry Story Update December 3 4:00 PM

Jerry is out of surgery!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

He had a triple by-pass. As with any heart surgery, right now he is on a ventilator, but the doctors expect to have him off of it in the next 4-6 hours. He has come through the hardest part, but he still has some recovering to do.

But for right now..... we have reason to "Celebrate"!!! (those that have danced to Jerry will get this 🎉) Your well wishes and prayers are doing the job!!!!

SYMPATHIES



We just received word regarding the passing of **Steven Michael Ackerman** on July 23, 2020. The obituary is below. Steve was a caller in the southeast area of Florida. He was the caller for the Miami Ocean Waves (a handicapable club), president of the Florida Callers Association (2006)

4/20/1944 – 7/23/2020

Steven Michael Ackerman, age 76, of Ocala, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Ocala Oaks Nursing and Rehab Center. A Manhattan native, he was born on April 20, 1944, to Rudolph and Lillian Nonkin Ackerman. He was a college graduate and became a Certified Public Accountant. On July 8, 1967, in Miami, he married the former Theodora Ruth Fine, his wife of 53 years who survives him. In addition to his wife, Teddi, Steven is survived by his son Russell (Desiree) Ackerman of Winter Garden and his daughter Carrie (John) Gittings of Orlando. He was the proud grandfather of Chris Gittings, Athena Ackerman, Jack Gittings and Noah Ackerman and great-grandfather of Alexis Gittings. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a private family service will be held at Temple Israel Cemetery with Rabbi Arnold Siegel officiating.



Anthony “Tony” Lawrence DiGeorge was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He passed away quietly on November 13, 2020, after a long battle with lung cancer at the age of 87. He had a deep, abiding love for his family, a strong faith, steadfast dedication to community service, a knack for cooking gumbo, and a love for his square dance community.

Tony married the love of his life JoAnn Raineri in 1955. Everyday, he reminded those around him how much he loved his wife. Together, they raised their two children, Tony Jr. and Terri. He spent most of his career working in transportation and public works in the city of New Orleans.

His passion was sharing joy through square dance, both as a caller and an instructor. He co-founded the Gold Dust Twirlers Club, which became a hub for dancers in the New Orleans Area. Renowned for his charismatic style, he traveled and performed as a caller at square dance clubs, festivals, and resorts throughout the United States. Despite losing the ability to walk in 2015, he continued calling, thanks to the help of his brother Rocco and his unofficial son Oscar Sill. He called his last dance in June 2019, more than 55 years after he first began.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife, JoAnn DiGeorge; son Anthony, Jr., and wife Wendy Jamison; his daughter Terri, and her husband David Shea; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Nunzia DiGeorge, and his six siblings.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tony's name to the Sisters Servants of St. Mary, 5001 Perlita Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122. Messages of memories and condolences may be left at www.leitzeaganfuneralhome.com.

If you would like to send cards to JoAnn, her address is 3524 Tolmas Drive, Metairie, LA 70002.



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I must inform everyone that Bill Reid passed away last night. It is my understanding that he had contracted pneumonia and was not able to fight it off. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill had a double lung transplant in October 2017.) Funeral arrangements are not available at this time.

Sympathy cards can be sent to his family as follows:

Linda and Sheila Reid
1062 Old Mill Pond Road
Viera, FL 32940

Ryan, Diana and Shannon Reid
4010 Quail Path Road
Cocoa, FL 32926

He will be greatly missed.

The square dancing Reids all belong to the Central Association. Bill and Linda are the executive vice-presidents of Central, as well as Historians, alternate delegates to the Florida Federation, and 2017 Central Association Couple of the year.

Sheila is Bill and Linda's daughter. She is an alternate delegate to the Florida Federation and was



Joyce McKinney Taylor, 82 of Morgantown, KY passed away Saturday, November 21, 2020 at her residence. She was born July 30, 1938 in the Quality Community of Butler County, KY to the late Rollie McKinney and Nellie Ann Proctor Osborne. Joyce was a member of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed square dancing and crocheting. Joyce was retired from the Butler County Library, she was the operator and driver for the Book Mobile delivering books to homes in Butler County for many years. Other than her parents she is preceded in death by her first husband Herbert Beldon Howard; second husband Arthur Kibby Taylor; one sister Loyce McKinney Champion and one brother Jim Osborne.

Joyce McKinney Taylor is survived by two daughters Lori Howard of Morgantown, KY and Glenda McChesney (Mark) of Hopewell, Virginia; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life and burial will be held at a later date, arrangements under the direction of the Jones Funeral Chapel. Please share any photos, memories, condolences, or light a candle in memory of Joyce at www.jonesfuneralchapel.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International P.O. Box 195 Morgantown, KY 42261 or American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. Jones Funeral Chapel is honored to be serving the family of Joyce Taylor.

Joy, and her late husband Kibby, are past presidents of Spinning Wheels. They also danced at Temple Twirlers, Bay Area Twirlers, and Strawberry Square. They always attended the Florida Square and Round Dance Convention.

Charlotte Maroldo, the wife of Jim Maroldo passed way November 21st at the age of 74. She and Jim were married for over 50 years. She was a school teacher, and taught second and third grades, junior high mathematics and computers. She was a teacher in the states of Washington, Maryland, and Florida. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease for ten years, and spent the last five years in a memory care facility. Jim was the past co-editor of the Northeast Association's *The Grapevine*.



Word was just received that **Dick Stephens** passed away the evening before Thanksgiving. His vitals had dropped dangerously low again. They went back to the facility. Even though they couldn't rouse him, he seemed stable so they went back home. He passed at 4:30 a.m. He turned 91 on November 2nd.

If you would like to send cards to his son, Rick, his address is 15717 Jericho Drive, Odessa, FL 33556.

Dick and his late wife, Betty, were treasurers of the Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) and West Coast Fall Fun Fest registration chairmen for many years, presidents of the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association (1992-93), Fall Fun Fest Chairman (1995), and recipients of the West Coast Association Distinguished Service Award in 1995. They were members of BATS, danced at Temple Twirlers and Strawberry Square, and attended many Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions.

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