

February 13, 2023

*Joys
Concerns
&
Sympathies*

If you have or you know someone who has something to celebrate, are ill, or have suffered a loss, and you would like to share it with the square and round dance community, please let us know.

Announcements will be made for Florida based retired callers and cuers, callers and cuers, who perform in Florida, and square and round dancers from the West Coast Association area as well as West Coast Association officers, Florida Federation officers, and Florida representatives on the USDA Board – all of these include current, former, and retired individuals.

Please email sgdnfan@gmail.com with the person's/people's name(s), details of the incident, address to mail cards to, what club they belong to (or did), if applicable, if they are a caller or cuer

This publication is a sub-set of the *DANCERgram*, which provides Square and Round Dance news for the West Coast of Florida AND is the official Newsletter of the West Coast Square & Round Dancers Association (formerly the *West Coast Dancer*).

Sympathies



Word was just received that **Mary Lee Van Valkenburg** passed away this morning, Monday, February 13th. There will be a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 11005 N. Highway 301, Thonotosassa (near Plant City), Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17th.

Mary Lee and her late husband, Ron, were very active in the square and round dance community. She had over 50 years of membership in the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association. She was a long time resident of Strawberry Square until she was admitted to a memory care facility last year.

- 1986 West Coast Association Distinguished Service Award
- 1971 - 1972 President, West Coast Association
- 1973 Chairman, 20th Florida Square & Round Dance Convention "West Coast Spree in '73"
- 1976 – 1977 President, Florida Federation
- 1999 Chairman, West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest
- 2018 Inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame (her husband, Ron, was inducted posthumously)

Mary Lee was a member of Left Allemanders, Spinning Wheels, Limonaders, and Strawberry Squares, plus she danced at several other clubs and attended all the State Conventions.

If you would like to send cards to her sister, Janet Teal, her address is 635 Watercrest Drive, Haines City, FL 33844.

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