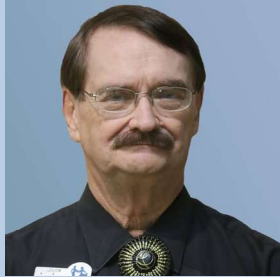


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Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies

Sympathies



Word has just been received about the passing of **Herbert Whitney "Whit" Brown** on February 2, 2026. He was pre-deceased by his sister and daughter and had no living relatives.

Whit was a caller in the Central Association area and was president of the Florida Callers association in 1993 and 2011.



The square dance community has lost a beloved beacon of joy, rhythm, and resilience. Mike Sikorsky, a cherished caller, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 20, 2026, ending his courageous fight with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Diagnosed earlier this year, Mike embodied a spirit that refused to be confined by illness. His passion for square dancing and his dedication to the community were forces stronger than any diagnosis. Just weeks ago, in May, he was calling squares on a dance cruise from Tokyo to Vancouver, sharing his talent and energy across the Pacific. His calendar remained full, a testament to his unwavering spirit; last weekend he called a dance in Washington State and was enroute to a series of engagements in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

It was during this final journey, on a flight east, that Mike became ill. After landing in Charlotte, North Carolina, he was taken to Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center. Surrounded by the love of family and friends, he spent his final days in care before transitioning peacefully on Saturday morning.

For 54 years, Mike Sikorsky was the heartbeat of countless dances. His was not merely a voice calling commands; it was a unique ability to connect, to teach, and to entertain. He built communities on dance floors, mentoring new callers and making every dancer feel seen and welcomed. He was a true gentleman of the art—a master of his craft whose legacy is woven into the fabric of square dancing itself.

His passing leaves a void that echoes in halls and hearts across the country. As we struggle to adjust to a rhythm without his guiding call, we find solace in the countless memories of laughter, friendship, and perfectly executed allemandes he leaves behind.

During this profoundly difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences and unwavering support to Mike's family. May they find comfort in the knowledge that his spirit will forever dance on in the community he so dearly loved.