

**A. B. AND PAULINE COLEMAN
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE**

A. B. Coleman introduced square dancing to Kingsport in the early 1950s and began more than one square dance club in the Tri-Cities area. He started the American Legion Squares in Kingsport calling for them and teaching their classes for several years. Later he started Pea Picker Squares in Bristol, TN and called and taught classes for this club until his death on February 7, 1979. His 51st class was in progress at that time. A. B. also taught rounds to his clubs.

Besides calling for local clubs, A. B. and Pauline were on staff at Fontana Village, N.C. Fun Fest from the time it was started until his death and are in the Hall of Fame there.

Square Dancing was one of A.B.'s great loves and he gave generously of his time and effort to it. He was a great advocate of sound teaching and smooth dancing.

In addition to his activities with square and round dancing, A.B. served as Executive Vice-President of the Kingsport, TN Chamber of Commerce for 37 years.