

**JERRY AND DONNA DEATON
MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Jerry and Donna Deaton began square dancing in 1969 as part of Bill Steiner's first class. Upon graduation in 1970, they joined the HiLanders Western Square Dance Club where Bill was the caller. Through the years, they served in various offices of the HiLanders including more than one term as Presidents.

Besides volunteering in their local club, they were delegates to the Cumberland Valley Association before the creation of Area VII. Later they formed the Middle Tennessee Western Square Dance Association and held the office of President from 1977-78. Once Area VII was formed, Jerry and Donna held the Area Coordinator's (now Area Vice President) position in 1979. They continued working with the state association and served two terms (1980-82) as President.

1980 was a time when Jerry and Donna were involved in many aspects of square dancing. They were Tour Directors for the 29th National Square and Round Dance Convention and were delegates to Washington, DC to help promote Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance.

Jerry and Donna continued dancing until about 1993 when the HiLanders disbanded due to a decline in participation.

Outside of square dancing, Jerry and Donna have been active in their church, the Shriners, Eastern Star, Garden Club, and motorcycle touring with friends. They are the proud parents of one son, four daughters, and several grandchildren.