

**RALPH AND BETTY FULKERSON
JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE**

Ralph and Betty Fulkerson have started hundreds of dancers on the road to square dance fun. Ralph has been a dedicated caller for his clubs, teaching numerous classes and participating in demonstrations with them. He has been instrumental in organizing and supporting many associations by serving as caller, chairman, and other duties as required.

Beginning calling at the age of seventeen, thirty-five of Ralph's calling years have been in Western style square dancing and seventeen in Appalachian style dancing. Ralph has been helped by several callers including Don Carson, Dan O'Leary, Jr., Billy Joe Oliver, and Russell Rutledge.

He has called for Betsy Squares (18 years), Burley Twirlers (30 years), Pea Pickers (10 years), Tenneva Squares (7 years), Johnson City Grand Squares (23 years), Circle Four (10 years), Eagles (2 years), and Elks Club (2 years). Besides being the regular caller for several clubs, Ralph has been a guest caller at clubs throughout Southwest Virginia, Eastern Kentucky and East Tennessee. Ralph has done numerous workshops at East Tennessee State University and is currently on the staff of Highland Community College in Virginia as a square dance instructor.

Over the years, Ralph and Betty have held several offices including Chairman of the Upper East Tennessee Callers Association, Treasurer of the Northeast Tennessee Callers and Cuers, and organizer and staff of the State of Franklin Jubilee.

Teaching dancers is not Ralph's only talent. He enjoys community service work such as delivering meals to the elderly and using his woodworking skills making items and selling them for the benefit of his church. Ralph is also an avid gardener.

Ralph and Betty are tireless advocates of square dancing as fun for dancers. Ralph thinks you should forget all your problems and just square dance for fun. It is this attitude of dancing for fun that Ralph radiates in his calling.