

**EARL AND MAURINE GREGORY
KINGSTON, TENNESSEE**

Richard Earl Gregory devoted many years of his adult life to Western Square Dancing. It all began when he was introduced to the activity at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee around 1952. A group of instructors and dancers from Berea College in Kentucky taught month long daily courses at L.M.U. each summer. After mastering the art of dancing, Earl decided to become a caller, since there were none in the area. He helped organize, taught and called for the K.T. Squares at Lincoln Memorial University from 1953-1966. He also taught and organized the Boone Trail Squares in Middlesboro, Kentucky in 1957, the Spinning Wheelers in Pineville, Kentucky in 1958, and a club in Somerset, Kentucky during that same time period.

Earl's career as a drug company representative (detail man) took him and his wife, Maurine, to Miami, Florida, in 1966. There Maurine worked as an X-ray technician. They danced with the Dixie Twirlers and Ox-bows with caller Lew Green from 1966-1975.

At that time, Earl returned to Tennessee and opened a printing shop in Harriman. He and Maurine danced with the Kingston Squares from 1975-76, the Camping Twirlers from 1975-78, the Rambling Rebels of Oak Ridge from 1976-87, and the Three Rivers Ramblers of Harriman from 1980-1987. Maurine is still active in the latter two clubs.

Throughout the years, Earl and Maurine have been a real asset to Western Square Dancing. He was one of the thirteen charter members who formed the East Tennessee Square Dance Federation, which eventually became the Council of East Tennessee Square and Round Dance Clubs. Earl and Maurine are always friendly, supportive and encouraging to all dancers they meet. Their many friends were saddened by Earl's death from cancer on March 1, 1988. We still love to see his gallant lady, Maurine, across our squares.

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