

AL SNYDER
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

Al Snyder made a difference in square dancing. He worked quietly in the background promoting square dancing all the time. Al could be found talking to visitors up in the stands or wherever they were, encouraging them to start square dancing. Many dancers credit Al with their start in square dancing. His public relations work on behalf of square dancing was outstanding.

Al danced for over 20 years and danced all over the United States in at least 33 states including Alaska. He attended 18 State and 19 National conventions. Al devoted a good deal of time to square dancing by serving in many positions of leadership in local clubs and associations and at the state and national level. He worked with Johnson City Grand Squares as president for a year and as vice president for four years. He also spent four years as president of Piney Carousels. Al held the position president for the Mountain Empire Square and Round Dance Association for three years. At the state level, Al was an Area Vice President for Area VI from 1983-1986 and then was Vice President of the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc from 1986-1988. In 1985 he assisted with the state convention by assuming the position of Registration Chairman. He was active in Legacy from 1989-1999. Besides "official" positions, Al did much to help local clubs including assisting with the development of constitutions and bylaws.

Al passed away in the spring of 2001 and will be missed by many throughout his local area as well as the state of Tennessee.