

Jerry and Gayle Stover
Hall Of Fame nomination
November 4, 2023

This couple started square dancing in November, 1970 with the Silver Spurs club in Lawton, Oklahoma. He began calling in 1972 and became the caller for the Chickasha Chicks in Chickasha in 1973. Jerry and Gayle Stover were not a typical family, they may have worked insurance but played and worked square dancing. They served on the South Central District board as delegates and as treasurer.

Like most dads, Jerry had his children involved in his hobbies, too. He taught his son Quinn to square dance, being the youngest dancer in a square on KSWO TV in Lawton in the '70's. He helped coach his son in baseball (being a former catcher in high school), football and basketball along with BMX racing.

Gayle was the homemaker and a clogger. She and her daughter Tracy were cloggers with the South Central Shufflers performing at their club's square dances. Gayle also helped with choreography and song selections. She was a Cub Scout den mother, a Brownie troop leader and a homeroom mom two different times.

Jerry's calling includes calling for Chickasha Chicks celebrating 50 years, the Lawton Square Toppers 47 years, the Kalico Kapers in OKC 41 years, the Advanced achievers in OKC for 40 years, and the Sill-o-ette Squares in Lawton for 34 years. He is a member of the South Central District callers association and was the first President of the Oklahoma Callers Association. He was awarded membership in the Callerlab Half Century Club in 2022.

They have taught thousands of individuals to square dance as well as providing square dance etiquette. They encourage everyone to learn to square dance as well as teaching and encouraging callers. And let's not forget Jerry's famous saying, "Let's workshop this call."

I present to you Jerry and Gayle Stover.