

BIO OF TAMMY AND MARVIN LEE

Tammy and Marvin knew each other casually as members the exhibition clogging group, Clogg Hoppers, one of two popular clogging groups in Houston during the 70's and 80's. In December 1999, they were reacquainted at a Clogg Hopper reunion party. Tammy worked with a long-time friend to get Marvin out on the square dance floor with her and she swears her heart flipped over in her chest when they did the first Weave the Ring. They square danced every possible night for months and got to know each other afterwards at the Busy Bee in Pearland, where Marvin eventually proposed. They were married in August, 2000.

Tammy learned to square dance in 1972 with Hix and Chix, led by Lew Torrance. She began clogging with Clogg Hoppers in 1979. After the Clogg Hoppers retired, Tammy was a member of Yellow Rose Cloggers and also a member and instructor for Syncopation Cloggers before she left both in 1989 to form her own group, Thunderfoot Cloggers. In 2000, Thunderfoot Cloggers merged into Syncopation Cloggers where Tammy has been the instructor/choreographer since.

Marvin learned square dancing with his family in the late '70s with Hanger Squares at Jones Hangar in Friendswood. He remembers when dancers had to roll Dr. Jones' airplane out of the hangar before the dance could begin. Between 2006 and 2008, Marvin attended two different caller schools, Golden Triangle Caller's School, led by Wayne Morvent, and Cascade Caller's School, led by Jerry Junck and Darryl Clendenin. Marvin occasionally still calls a tip around Houston and hopes to devote more time to practicing calling once he retires from his job as a landscape contractor. After they married, Tammy joined Marvin as members of Hanger Squares.

In 2008, they learned how to round dance from Marilyn and Jerral Waguespack. Tammy would cue the occasional round at Wag-a-Rounds but it was not until she retired in 2012, after 39 years in the oil energy business, that she focused seriously on learning to cue.

In 2014, Tammy formed **Gulf Coast Rounds**, a Phase II – IV round dancing club based in southwest Houston at Bayland Community Center. She has been steadily building her cueing and teaching experience. She teaches and cues for Gulf Coast Rounds on Wednesday afternoons and also on 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings. Tammy has also picked up several monthly and annual cueing contracts in Texas and Louisiana. In 2015, she hopes to begin offering round dance lessons in Friendswood. Please visit our website for more information on Gulf Coast Rounds - www.GCR.dance.

Marvin has two grown children, Fawn Sisk and Joshua Lee. They and their spouses have blessed Marvin and Tammy with four wonderful grandsons and twin granddaughters.