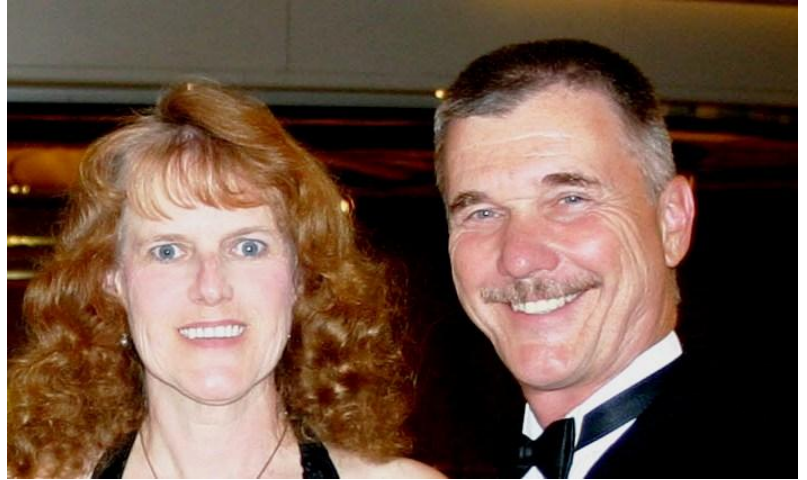


Betsy (Seele) and Roy Gotta
North Brunswick, NJ

Club: Rutgers Promenaders



How did you start square dancing?

Betsy as a child in Metuchen, NJ – caller had a program for kids at the YMCA. Roy when he was in college at Rutgers, brought (kicking and screaming) by his then fiancée. Betsy was the teacher for the lessons. Roy and his fiancée broke up and another girl persuaded Roy to return to the class.

What year did you meet? 1972 (spring semester) And marry? June 1974

Betsy and her father, Art Seele, called for both square dance club members and beginners during the breaks taken by the regular band [at the reception].

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

Roy was in the spring 1972 square dance class at Rutgers Promenaders as mentioned above. After the split with Donna, the girl who brought him to square dance lessons, Roy dropped out of class until another girl talked him into returning. (Classes were only 10 weeks) Roy then dated several women in the club including Betsy. Betsy needed a partner for the Delaware Valley Festival and invited Roy who was able to come for Saturday. This was Sept of 1972 and by Thanksgiving they were engaged.

Favorite square dance memories?

Square dancing has been a part of our lives and the memories are too many to separate.

Anything else?

Betsy and Roy rented their guest room to at least 3 Rutgers Promenaders women, all of whom married men from the club. We advised on several aspects of the weddings. “No kids, but we just married off number 3.”