

Nina and Al Gerhold  
Moorestown, NJ

Club: Rutgers Promenaders

How did you start square dancing?

Nina wanted to learn to dance because her parents danced when she was little, and it looked like fun. Al was introduced to dancing in high school gym class, where his teacher was an oddity in gym square dancing – a *real* caller.

What year did you meet? 1979      And marry? 1981

Some dancer friends were at our wedding, but square dancing was not part of it.

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

We met in lessons at Rutgers. One of Betsy Gotta's most important lessons to us was that squares are going to break down, and the best thing to do is to laugh it off, square up again and start dancing. We were in a square that did nothing but crash, and we were following her advice. It was a lot of fun. The next week, Al walked into the lesson as Nina was looking for a partner for the first tip. Remembering how much fun the square was last week, she made a beeline for him.