

Sharon and Charlie Kittner
Honesdale, PA

Currently we dance with Happy Footers of Youngsville, NY and Roy Leber at Tannersville, PA RSVP's.
Former clubs: D and H Dancers, Orange Squares, Mainstream Dancers (Sharon), Rare Squares



How did you start square dancing?

Charlie: In 1975, Charlie's aunt and uncle invited him and Pat, his wife at that time, to come watch them. They did, thought it looked like fun and then they decided to learn to square dance.

Sharon: Saw an ad in the *Times Herald Record* in 1992 for a fun night, but did not go because she didn't want to go without a partner. Then in 1993 when the ad appeared again a co-worker named Earl Storms said he would like to learn too and would go as my dance partner. We did the classes together (Charlie and his now deceased wife were the main greeters of the new students) and we all became friends.

What year did you meet? September 1993 And marry? October 8, 2001

We did go to a dance with a Canadian club on our honeymoon...but it was not part of our wedding.

Circumstances of your meeting and dating?

Charlie: Sharon was in a class that my wife and I were angeling. There were many times when my wife could not dance because of her illness. I would dance with Sharon and when my wife passed away we just kept on dancing.

Sharon: Charlie and his wife were the main greeters when I took my class with DandH Dancers. After graduation, Charlie always encouraged me to go to dances even if I didn't have a regular partner. He said would gladly dance with me whenever his wife needed to sit due to illness. But sometimes I think his wife purposely sat out some tips to allow me time on the dance floor. Often I would go to Spinning Wheels in New Jersey rather than to my DandH club because I knew they always had 2 or 3 regular men without partners, but after Charlie's wife passed, everyone knew she wanted him to continue dancing and I was there to see Charlie through this rough period and we became very close and because we had the Love of Square Dancing Bond we just decided to dance the marriage dance. (We eloped, we were married in Niagara Falls and honeymooned in Canada then came home by way of the beautiful autumn foliage of Vermont.)

Favorite square dance memories?

The wonderful belated reception from our D and H members when they treated us to dinner and a show at Jarvis' place called Boodles in Chester, NY ~ a wonderful evening in which they truly let us know how happy they were for us.

Anything else?

Charlie (and Sharon) are members of CCNJ. Charlie and I both hung plaques in our Honesdale home summing up our thoughts:

Charlie's – "Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here, We Should Dance!"

Sharon's – "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, It's about learning to dance in the rain!"