



Jack Lasry
Milestone, 1980

First exposed to square dancing while employed as a recreation director for the city of Miami Beach, Florida, in the early 1950s, Jack was impressed with the recreational values of the activity. Before long he was calling for children and conducting one-night stands.

With time out for obtaining a college education and raising a family, Jack and his wife Carolyn, kept contact with the activity through party dances and one-night stands.

In 1960 Jack was invited to take over the calling for a club in nearby Homestead. This first real experience with club calling and teaching led to the big step for the Lasrys when they opened their own square dance hall, "Trails End", in Miami.

By 1965 Jack had become a full-time caller appearing on many of the large festivals. With a background in school teaching, it was a natural step for Jack to

move into the field of caller training. Conducting a number of callers clinics of his own, he was also featured on the staff of several others.

Prolific in the creating of dance material, he edited a very successful callers note service and his articles appeared in a number of square dance publications.

A charter member of CALLERLAB, Jack served the organization as Chairman of the Board and in many other ways.

Jack passed away October 9, 1990, leaving a legacy of devotion to the activity. His constant goal was to make the dance a variety of interesting patterns, spiced with a dash of the unusual, but all blended together to make a smooth dance put together with the joy of moving to music.