

Larry & Sharon Crisel

Puxico Country Squares
Puxico, Missouri
Southeast District

2017 Square Dancers of the Year

Let's begin by listing their many dedications:

- Actively supporting members in the square-dancing community for approximately 34 years. Their dedication for their club shows while helping with classes, parade floats, yard sales, Christmas displays and exhibition dances at nursing homes. They helped their club survive during some tough times by being "Angels" at club classes. Great Door prize and favor collectors for special dances and guests of Club Christmas dances they are. Truly they were always ready to serve refreshments, to open the hall and clean up after club dances. She has helped with advertising and preparing flyers and has helped make scrapbooks for both club and District dances.
- As State Festival supporter's attendees most of their 34 years of dancing.
- The Missouri Federation has been blessed by their help dancing at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Silver Dollar City and Shepherd of the Hills in Branson in the past years.
- Great are they as advocates for youth by encouraging their children and other youth to take square dance lessons. Instrumental as Ad-Hoc youth committee chairmen to help plan and present a program to instruct physical education teachers how to incorporate square dance lessons in their School classrooms. They were also instrumental in obtaining a grant of \$500 from USDA for the Ad-Hoc committee partially for materials to promote the program and a teaching guide manual for teachers.
- On the National Convention they have attended and volunteered hours for several of them. Plus, they have served as USDA delegates numerous times. In 2015 at the Nationals in Little Rock, they were involved with coordinating some of the Roundtable discussions.
- Their church has been a tremendous part of their dedication while helping with Bible school and Sunday School classes, serving as the pianist, Nursing Home Services, church campouts and more.
- He is a veteran and has supported the VFW many years by working with the concession stands on homecoming nights. She was a member at the County Extension Council and they continue to be involved with work related organizations during their retirement.



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Offices held: Club president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, holding some numerous times, as well Club reporters for the Doin's and Toot Your Horn. They served as SE District delegates to the Mo Federation board for many years. They served in 2014 as President of the Missouri Federation and previously as 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice president. Both have served on numerous committees for the Missouri Federation including Caller/Cuer of the Year committee, Square dancer of the year committee, the Audit committee, and the Doin's Publications committee. To top it off Larry & Sharon both served as promotions chairman for the 2003 State Festival and co-chairman of the 2011 State festival. Today, represented as the Chairmen for next year's South East district Missouri festival.

Personal & revealing accomplishments: Larry enjoys Woodworking and has donated his beautiful work to State festivals. Sharon always has a smile on her face and both are always willing to help promote square dancing. Today they hold the office of President of the SE District of the Mo Federation since 2008. Presently they are the youth hall coordinating and activities chairmen for the 2018 State Festival.

It is with great pleasure and honor, the Missouri Federation of Square N' Round Dance Clubs present Larry and Sharon Crisel, of the Puxico Country Squares and Bluff City Twirlers Club, South East District as the 2017 Square dancers of the year. They are the epitome for caring, hardworking and personal involvement over the years with their Family, Church, Community, Club, District, State and National activities are deserving of our thanks for a job well done.

Square Dancer of the Year 2017 Larry & Sharon Crisel Puxico Country Squares Puxico, Missouri.