

Phil and Carol



Phil grew up in “The Only Oblong” in southern Illinois. Carol was born in Minnesota and lived there and in South Dakota before her family moved to Charleston, Illinois, when she was in 5th grade. (No, Carol is not from Normal, Illinois, like the old “Oblong boy marries Normal girl” newspaper headline!) We met while undergrad students at Eastern Illinois University and have been married for more than 50 years.

Phil is retired from university teaching, and Carol is retired from being library faculty at National Louis University. Our daughter and granddaughter live nearby and we love getting together with them often. We have enjoyed traveling in the US, Mexico, Canada, France, Italy, Ireland, and especially the UK. Carol has visited all 50 US states, and Phil is only missing North Dakota!

During the early January 2014 “polar vortex,” after having walked on the indoor track at the Glenview Park Center, we noticed a flyer about square dance lessons that were starting the next day. We were both excited to try it, and the rest is history!

In addition to square dancing at Chicago area clubs, we have attended three Illinois state square dance conventions, one Iowa state square dance convention, and three National square dance conventions – SO FAR! We particularly enjoy serving as “angels” at Glenview Squares SSD lessons. We are looking forward to several more years of participating in this awesome activity within such a friendly and welcoming community!