

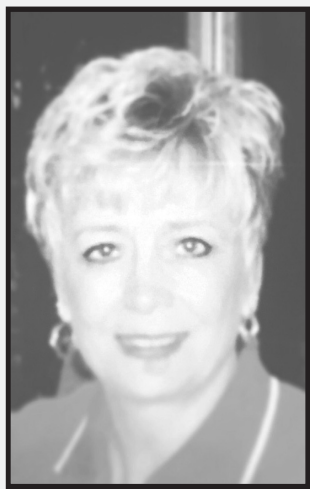
# We danced in the 60's



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When I was a teenager in the 60s, I danced, we all did. After all, it was the 60s. Rock'n'Roll ruled and many bands gave us music to dance, such as the Beatles, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, The Supremes and The Beach Boys, to name a few.

We did the "Swim", "The Mashed Potato", "The Big B", "The Watusi", "The Twist", "The Pony", "The Dog", and "The Chicken."

In those days, we had sock hops every Saturday night at the old armory in Ravenna. What a fun time; I remember my best friend and I went every Saturday night if at all possible. And if we weren't asked to dance every dance we just got on the floor by ourselves and danced. In the summer it was really hot in there but we didn't mind; we would dash outside and get cooled off a little bit and head back inside. It was so much fun! I really cherish those memories!

I remember one day sitting in class, when Mr. Luther Patrick, the prin-

icipal announced over the intercom for all cheerleaders and basketball players to come to the gym. I thought, this can't be good if the principal calls us for a meeting. Our principal was very strict. I thought what on earth was going on? What had I done?

Actually, it was Coach Jim Kiser who was all smiles when he announced that the basketball team and cheerleaders were invited to come to WKYT TV, Channel 27, in Lexington to be on the Nick Clooney Show in two weeks. (Nick Clooney is George Clooney's father, and he was as good-looking as his son at that age). The Nick Clooney Show was a dance show that saluted high school teams and cheerleaders every Saturday. The show was similar to the famous Dick Clark's American Bandstand, in Philadelphia that aired on TV every Saturday morning. Wow! What an honor and we were going to be on TV!!

Basketball players would be interviewed and the cheerleaders would be doing one or two cheers on TV and interviewed. Each player and cheerleader could invite one guest, preferably, someone that could dance and liked to dance. Since I was dating someone on the basketball team I invited my best friend who was an excellent dancer and loved to dance. We weren't supposed to sit in the corner and not dance. I remember getting so mad at the person I was dating because he wouldn't dance.

But I danced anyway and had a blast.

Our cheerleading squad consisted of four cheerleaders who were sophomores. We originally had five but one had quit; but our performance went well. What a thrill it is was to cheer and dance on TV and to represent our school, Estill County High School.

When we got back home, my family and friends told us they had seen us on TV and that we were great and that we were celebrities! That was it; we came down from our high; life went back to normal.

I enjoyed dancing, cheerleading and going to watch basketball games so much in high school and I still do love it. My daughter, Tara Sewell Helton, played all kinds of ball games since she was five years old. She played basketball and softball all through school. She received a basketball and softball scholarship to Lindsey Wilson and Union College. She currently is assistant coach at Scott County High School where she and her husband, Steve have coached Girls Basketball for the past 20 years and they also coach their 10 year old son, Colton in all three sports.

Playing and watching ball games is our life. Our vacations are centered around ball games. And we love it! Now it is all about my grandson.

I don't do as much dancing as I did, but I'd love to... I wish they had sock hops for Senior Citizens; I'd be right there if they did!



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## America's Heartland Roger Alford

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I was standing on top of the Hoover Dam one day last year, marveling at just how far it was to the water below when my cellphone rang.

It was David Marlow, the director of missions for the Owen Association of Baptists in central Kentucky. He had been a great friend to me over the years, and he loved providing funny stories for this column.

"Hey, I've got a good one for you," he said with a laugh. I knew it had to be good, because David was the master of dry wit. He could make you double over with laughter without so much as cracking a smile himself. So, for him to laugh before he even got started meant it had to be really, really good.

Here is the joke he told on that particular day:

A man was walking along a California beach deep in prayer when he asked the Lord to create

a bridge to Hawaii so he could drive there anytime he wanted.

"Your request is very materialistic," the Lord said. "Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of project. The supports would have to reach the bottom of the Pacific. It would take thousands of miles of steel and concrete. It would be hard for me to justify your desire for such a worldly thing. You need to ask for something else."

The man thought for a bit and finally said: "Lord, allow me to understand women. I want to know what they are thinking when they give the silent treatment, why they cry for no apparent reason, what they want when they say nothing, and how to make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied: "Do you want that bridge to be two lanes or four?"

I thought back to that day on the Hoover Dam when word came last week that David had left this side of eternity. He had gotten critically ill some months ago and had grown progressively weaker. His funeral was Saturday.

David had been a pastor to pastors in central Kentucky for the past two decades, providing sage advice, helping them work through serious issues in their congregations, being a friend when they needed one most, and always providing needed

levity when the seriousness of life weighed them down. Perhaps his greatest strength was his wit. He could make his pastors smile even when they felt like crying.

The past few months have been especially hard for David and his wife, Mary, and their daughters as they worked through the maze of medical clinics and hospitals. I know these recent days have been tearful ones for them and for all the many, many friends across Kentucky who loved David. But each one can take comfort from the words that he preached through a lifetime of ministry, that Christians do not sorrow as those who have no hope, because our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Giver of Eternal Life.

David preached that physical death brings only a temporary parting for Christians, because they will meet again at a joyful reunion in heaven, where there will be no more death, no more pain, no more sorrow, no more tears. A beautiful gospel song says, "All is peace for evermore on that happy golden shore."

Oh, I can just see David up there surrounded by a group of pastors who are laughing because of one of his wisecracks. If you don't mind, I'll close with one of his classics.

"Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? The food is great but it has no atmosphere."



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