

Today, Sue Krynak will enter the Central District Shuffleboard Hall of Fame as a player. It is my honour to share comments both about her personal and shuffleboard background.

Sue grew up in Cleveland, Ohio being the eldest of 11 children. She worked as a long distance telephone operator for Ohio Bell and later as a service representative. Sue met her husband Jerry on a blind date on January 1, 1963 and they were married later that year. She was a stay at home mom for 20 years while raising their five children. After these important years for her children, she worked at a mail business sorting mail for a period of time. Jerry and Sue were experienced campers having taken their children, bicycles, clothing and supplies on trips close to home and to various locations around the United States.

After retirement their interests turned to Florida, where they spent two winters at Lady Lake. It was here that Sue's interest in shuffleboard began. In 2000 Sue and Jerry moved to Sanlan Ranch, now Sanlan RV and Golf Resort. Soon the motor home was history as they purchased a home at Sanlan. Sue was reluctant to go beyond park shuffleboard, but Jerry encouraged and coached her until she reached pro status. Following Jerry's passing, Sue has continued to enjoy winters at her Florida home. One of the many legacies left to her by Jerry is her love for and competitiveness in shuffleboard tournaments.

What is Sue like? In a few words I shall describe her.....hardworking, smart, independent, forgiving, faithful, generous, friendly, compassionate, organized, loving mother and grandmother.

Sue has given back to shuffleboard by serving on the Central District Board and organizing the Reiny / Top 8 / Masters Tournaments for five years. As a result, Sue was inducted into the HOF, Special Award category in 2013. As well, she has held offices in the Sanlan and Ohio shuffleboard clubs. For six years Sue has sponsored the pro tournament at Sanlan in memory of Jerry. How many people do you know who have achieved those final elusive HOF points by placing 1st in a singles tournament? This summer Sue will have three HOF honours as she will be inducted into the Ohio Shuffleboard Hall of Fame.

Those of us who know Sue reasonably well know the importance of Jerry in her life. This importance continues: Those we love don't go away, so Jerry walks beside Sue every day--unseen, unheard, but always near--still loved, still missed, and very dear.

All assembled here today offer our sincere congratulations on your HOF achievement. All the best.

Presented by Doug Stockman March 13, 2015