



# Jet Jackson 2008

## JET JACKSON

First I would like to thank the board and voting members for this great honor.

I was born in Winston-Salem, N.C. My sister took me to my first dance in 1959. I was 14 years old. I walked in and I remember there were 4 guys and about 100 girls. I knew then I was going to like girls, dancing and beach music. Later I was going to places like Crystal Lake watching Eddie Page and Kenneth Carter. High Point Lake, Old Polo Club, the Guard, Castaways, Bushes, and anywhere there were girls and beach music I wanted to be.

I was going to the beach in the 70's watching great dancers like Sam McIntosh, Doug Perry, Cadillac Jack, Mike Tobin, Kim Maynard, Buzz Sawyer, Mike Osborne, Milton Nowell, Bob Myrick, Norfleet Jones, Billy Young, Charlie Womble and so many more.

In 1968 I met Sharon Edge at the Castaways Club in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1969 she became Sharon Jackson my wife for 20 years. She changed my life. Sharon gave me two wonderful children, Jamie and Billy. We now have two beautiful grandchildren, Nick and Madison. Sharon and I split up in 1989. Sharon went into the Hall of Fame in 2001. I was so proud of her.

I will never forget the memories, friends, and happy times I've had. I am so thankful to be honored by such a select group of people.