



Mike Campbell 2011

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I was born in Marion, S.C. in 1941 and moved to Ocean Drive in the spring of 1954. Living at the Beach—I thought I'd died and gone to heaven! There was the ocean, the beach, the Pavilion, the arcade, the rides and days of watching Shaggers at the old OD Pavilion. What a summer! I attended Wampee-Little River High School and graduated in 1959. I attended the University of South Carolina starting in the fall of 1959.

Joyce Morgan taught me to dance in my sophomore year in high school. She taught a couple of other boys and myself to do the basic so that she and the other girls would have somebody to dance with at the school parties. At that time, all we did was the basic, but that was all the girls needed!

Growing up in Ocean Drive, we had all the hot Shag joints in South Carolina. The Pad, Ocean Drive Pavilion, Sonny's Pavilion in Cherry Grove, The Spanish Galleon and, in the wintertime, the Holiday Inn North. After hours we went to the Forks Drive-In that was run by Wilbur and Miss Luda Livingston.

My work world required traveling North and South Carolina and each city had two or three shag joints of their own. There you would always run into 2 or 3 people from the beach or the Shag world. After college, I stayed in Columbia for quite a few years and met my first wife and I would just go out and dance.

In 1985, I met and fell in love with my second wife, Cindy Murphy Campbell, who is also a member of the Shaggers Hall of Fame. Murphy and I would go out just to dance because we both loved it so much; however, since I only knew the basic, I soon found that after a couple of dances with me, I would end up on the sideline watching her dance with every other guy in the joint! I quickly figured out that I needed to do something different! I turned to Judy Duke to teach me steps, turns and the full pivot and ended up having the best time of anyone in her dance class! I appreciate and thank all the ladies that danced with me as I improved on my steps.

While I have enjoyed a lot of my old dancing buddies over the years, I have made a lot of new friends in the Shag community and it is terrific because we are all interested in the same thing: shagging and the music. Also, it is great exercise!

I feel truly honored by this recognition of being inducted into the Shagger's Hall of Fame
THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS HONOR!!!