



# Judy Rodes 2012

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I was born in Greenwood, South Carolina and became a lover of dancing by my early teens in the middle to late 1950s and into the 60's. My brother, sister and I would dance at the Greenwood Recreation Center on Friday and Saturday nights. As we got older, we would venture a little further away from home with friends to Saluda, South Carolina and also to Curry's Lake in Gray Court, South Carolina. We would dance 'til the wee hours. I met my husband dancing in the sixties. We have two children, Karen and Mark and two grandchildren, Lee and Ashleigh.

Over the years, as I continued to dance, I made many trips to the Grand Strand area. I lived in Columbia, South Carolina, became a member of the Columbia Shag Club attending the Beach Shagger's Hall of Fame "ShagAttack" and "Our Time" shag events. I taught beginners shag classes for several years with the Lexington, South Carolina School District #2, Adult Education Program. In 1992, I was inducted into the Columbia Shag Club "Wall of Fame". Moving to the Ocean Drive area, now North Myrtle Beach, in 1994, I became a member of the Ocean Drive Shag Club. In 2003, having been recognized as a "Sand Flea," (longtime lover of the music, dance and the beach lifestyle), was inducted into the "Living Legends Association" of Ocean Drive, at home on the wall of "Fat Harold's Beach Club". Later on, was a member of the O.D. Pavilion Social And Shag Club, and most recently during SOS "Spring Safari", 2010, was inducted into their fun ODPSSC's "Boys in the Band" group.

My friends from Virginia Beach, VA, whom I have known since the early 1980's, surprised me with a phone call to inform me that H. Lee Brown, Marie Taylor, and myself had been nominated to the "National Living Legends of Dance", and we were inducted on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010.

I am so honored and grateful to have been included into the "Shaggers Hall of Fame" and to be inducted on October 13, 2012. I cherish the friends I have made over the years and if it is God's will, I WILL KEEP ON DANCING!!!!