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I was born March 25, 1946 in Leaksville, N.C. I graduated from Morehead High School in 1964 and shortly thereafter was drafted into the Army for a 2 year Tour of Duty. Upon returning home I was hired to be a lineman. This job lasted sixteen years.

May 2, 1984 I married my one true love, Ann Shockley. We have a daughter, Elisa and a granddaughter, Christina Patrum.

Fast Dancing and its music have always been an integral part of my life. As a young boy listening to my sister's music, watching the dancers at Lynnrock Pool and finally mustering up enough courage to get on that Dance Floor.

Cecil Slayton, Lynn Stevenson and Lowell Hatcher were older friends who took me under their wings. The Castaways, Jokers Three, Toms Toms and then the Trip to the Beach. I became addicted to this entire scene of Fast Dancing.

I was bartending at the Mar-Gee Cellar in Eden, N.C. Ann was teaching some beginner classes. The dance lessons were really going well so we decided to form a Shag Club with free beginner lessons and quarterly parties. Doc and Cherri Gilley, Mark Craig, Bill Moore and so many others too numerous to mention created the "Underground Shaggers". The response to this club was overwhelming.

September, 1988, Stiggies Private Club and Restaurant opened. At last I had my own Club. We became SPA sanctioned and the Dance Contests attracted people from the surrounding areas of N.C. and VA. Shag Fever was running rampant! Stiggies closed in 1991.

1996- What a Great Year!. We relocated to OD!. Home is where the heart is. I've worked as a chef at the Surf Club, Rossi's and H's N OD. Also as a club general manager at H's and Ducks.

I've still got that Fast Dancing addiction and I'll hit that floor every chance I get.

HALL OF FAME. Being inducted is my dream come true. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!