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My first memory of dancing was on the top of my mother's feet and I still remember the thrill of hearing the music and feeling the movement. I was nine years old when my teenage brother was learning his dance steps. I was so thrilled with the dance. My brother, Steve, told me to do what he did. So, I did!

Years later, I knew something just wasn't right. By following my brother, I had learned to dance on the boy's foot! Later in life, I met a lady at work who I had heard was a shagger. I asked her if she could switch me to the girl's foot. That lady was Sharon Phillips.

She worked with me at her home for weeks. One night she told me that she needed to watch me with a partner and that she was going to call a friend to join our lesson. That friend was Ronnie Duggins.

Ronnie Duggins was to be my future husband and my dance partner for life. A whole new world had opened up for me. The dance, the music and the people are like family. The Bushes in Greensboro was going strong and I danced and danced. I continued dancing at Thirsty's and Thirsty's Two.

I had come a long way from the tops of my Mother's feet. It was the best of times. I have admired so many female dancers through the years. Just to name a few - Susan Neal, Sharon Phillips, Lila Munn and Debbie Rickard influenced my style of dancing.

I am so honored and humbled to be inducted into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame. Thank you so much.