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I was born in Rock Hill and graduated from Fort Mill High School in the late 1950's. Jerry Greene (better know as Freck), a Fort Mill boy whom I met while he was attending college in Maxton, North Carolina, introduced me to the shag. We were married in 1957 and spent the next few years involved in the dance, which included many Friday nights at the Fort Mill Clubhouse.

A jukebox provided the music. My dear friend Sylvia Baker, whom I loved to watch dance, worked patiently with me on the basic.

We had fun with the dance, but when our first son was born in 1960 we put shagging on the back burner for the next twenty years. During these years our second child, a daughter, was born in 1962 and our second son was born in 1965.

In 1980 while vacationing at the beach with Ron and Peggy Whisenant, we heard about a party or gathering of old lovers of beach and shag to be held in North Myrtle Beach. This turned out to be the first S.O.S., which we attended with Connie and Sylvia Baker.

Those S.O.S. early years were the times of all nighters. Freck and I have been fortunate to have made them all. In addition to the Spring Safari and the Fall Migration there were many other parties: Geechie Blast, Columbia Invitational, Hall of Fame Weekends, Shag Attack and many others.

Our first son took to the dance while attending the University of South Carolina and competed in the early 1980's. We were able to enjoy and appreciate professional competition and have fond memories of those long, late night trips home from cities all over North and South Carolina.

To me, the friends we made and the camaraderie have been just as important in our lives as the dance itself.

Freck and I have made Columbia our home for most of our 42 years. We are fortunate to have all our children and grandchildren also living in Columbia.

In 1998 we were both inducted into the Central Midlands Hall of Fame and the Living Legends in 1999.

My thanks to everyone I have met along the way who have helped make these memories: S.O.S., The Association of Carolina Shag Clubs, D. J.s, Club Owners, and the Bartenders for keeping us such happy dancers. We also love the Junior Shaggers for keeping the dance alive.

A very special thanks to my peers for the honor of being voted into the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame. I am very proud to be a member.