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I was born in Charleston, S.C. and my parents moved to Columbia, S.C. when I was 1 year old. I am the youngest of 6 children. I attended school in Columbia and graduated from Columbia High in 1952, the year I started journeying to the beach every weekend that I could find a ride.

My introduction to the shag came about at Wardlaw Junior High School. One of our teachers, Miss Woods, taught the basic shag steps every Wednesday afternoon in the gym and we had to pay ten cents for the lessons. However, most of the difficult steps, I contribute to Nelson Burton, who was at our house almost as much as I was.

At the beach, I danced with many of the dancers, including, Eddie Monsour, Irvin "Creep" Montgomery, David Michaels, "Baby" Don Edwards, etc.

When we started going to North Myrtle Beach it was to go to Sonny's Pavilion at Cherry Grove. I went to dance with Sonny Nixon, Sonny Fountain, Leroy "Leaky" Thornton, Hop Hopkins and other friends from Columbia at the time.

In the early 50's, I spent a lot of time dancing with Buddy Kennedy and have continued to do so for many years.

Buddy, Larry Blake, Doodle Munn, Rufus Whector, Paul Gibson, Harry Bolin and all the great friends of Phi Kappa Phi have spent many a weekend shagging at the "Web" in Columbia and at the Pavilion at Myrtle Beach.

In 1957, I married Lt. Charles "Ed" Huddle from Charleston, West Virginia. In 1965, Ed was killed in Vietnam, but I was left with four great sons, Garry, Eddie, David and Danny. I have 2 grandchildren now and one more on the way. Can't ask for more.

In 1971, I married Bill Chesak, of El Paso, Texas, and was able to move to the beach permanently.

I have been in the Banking Industry most of my working life, but now I am in the Restaurant business, Sea Merchants Restaurant, located in North Myrtle Beach with my twin sons, David and Danny. I am also a Real Estate Agent in Myrtle Beach and have seen a tremendous change in the beach since the 50's.

I consider it a privilege to be a member of Shaggers Hall of Fame and want to thank everyone for their support.