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Arrived Myrtle Beach 1951 bright-eyed and ready for adventure. Learned to Shag "Basic Step" Greenville, S.C. before coming to Myrtle Beach. To my pleasure found many people at beach who like myself -- loved to Shag! We danced at the Pavilion, The Pad, Cherry Grove and Spivey's.

A group of like-minded people would get together and meet at different locations and party. Kind of a select group (know what I mean? People who could dance!). These were wonderful years, lots of dancing, laughter, meeting new and interesting people from all over the southeast. Many lasting friendships were formed and some still remain to this day.

In 1951, I stayed with Bill Davis & Bill Dempsey both from Greenville, S.C. That same year I brought a cotton candy and snowball machine from Greenville and opened up one block south of the Pavilion. After one week the authorities closed me down. "Politics!!!".

The next two years I worked at Baker's Beach Service located next to the pavilion with a group of guys who could not even swim. These guys were the lifeguards. The pay was great (\$3.00 per day) not to mention the pretty girls. South Carolina girls are the best!

A group of us went to White Lake, N.C. August 1953 to Clarice's house and had a ball!

Left Myrtle Beach 1955 and started working with Arthur Murray's Dance Studios. That year, met my wife, Erline, and married in 1956. We now have four beautiful children, and many grandchildren.

Was in the dance business a total of eight years in Greenville, S.C., Spartanburg, S.C., Atlanta, GA; and San Francisco, CA.

For the past 30 years Erline and I have lived in Atlanta. During this time, in 1978 a most wonderful thing happened to me, I met the Lord and was called into the ministry. I am currently pastoring Faith Cornerstone Church, 3830 Ashford Dunwoody Road. Erline and I belong to a local Shag Club and are having a great life!

Keep on Shaggin'