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Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, on May 13, 1948, I have loved to dance since I was a small child.

When I was 6 or 7 years old, my dear sister, Judy, taught me the “fast dancing” and “Jitterbug”. Of course, she taught me to dance on the girl’s foot. To this day, I still dance on the girl’s foot.

Judy had a teenage crush on a guy who played with “Bob Collins & The Fabulous Five” at Henry’s Dance Land, just outside Greensboro, when I was 9 or 10. Mother would not allow Judy to go there unless I went with her. I became more interested in dancing watching many couples on the dance floor. But, whenever a fight would break out, someone would grab me and shove me down in a trashcan. When the fight was over, someone would say “Go get H. Lee out of the trashcan”. After I was removed from the trashcan, the dancing would go on as if nothing had happened.

In the early 60’s we started going to O.D. and I loved it!! We all enjoyed dancing at Sonny’s Pavilion in Cherry Grove, O.D. Pavilion and the Pad. There I got to watch the great shaggers like, Ronnie Joyce, Ham McGarity, Eddie Page, Harry Driver, Sam McIntosh, Charles Gurley, Milton Nowell, Steve Dean and, of course, the great legend Glenn Doub. I always said that if I could dance like those guys, I could have all the women in the world. I tried real hard, but never could dance like them.

In late 1981 or early 1982, I moved to O.D. and opened “Ducks” in 1983. I guess I got the sand in my shoes in the 60’s and knew sooner or later I would be back in O.D. to live.

In 1985 I met, the love of my life, Pam Watkins. We were married in 1987. I realize I didn’t need all the women in the world- Pam is the only dance partner I have ever really needed.

At age 59, I’m still here in O.D. I have made many beautiful friends and acquaintances. I still have my health. God blessed me every day and I thank Him for it.

It is an honor to be recognized by my peers and inducted into the “Hall of Fame” with the real legends.