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I was brought up in Laurens County by a musically inclined family. We were always singing and dancing. I first learned the jitterbug from my mother's younger sister when I was around nine years old. My older brother started me shagging around the age of twelve. Our family would go to Folly Beach in the summer and we would go to the Old Folly Beach Pavilion to dance. (I always looked mature for my age.) Around the age of thirteen, I started going to Curry's Lake in Gray Court, S.C. I met so many wonderful people over the five or six years at this little "dance hall." People would come from towns and colleges from all around. It's amazing the friends I see shagging now that used to go to Curry's.

When I became of age, I started going to Myrtle Beach. We would dance at the pavilion wearing out shoes on the concrete and then drive up to the "Pad", sometimes stopping by Windy Hill on the way back.

I moved to Columbia and shagging was going strong then. We used to dance at the Opus, DAV and Army-Navy Clubs. There were several others but these were the main ones. Back then ('61 and '62), we always danced to bands.

I didn't shag much between 1964 and 1976. When I started shagging again, I realized how much I had missed it. I met my husband, Norman, through shagging which will always make it even more special to me. We enjoy teaching people to shag and seeing them get the enjoyment out of it that we do.