



# Julia A. Evans 1997

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I was born Julia A. Riggsby in Omar, West Virginia. Being a military brat we moved around quite a bit, but we finally settled in Pensacola, Florida.

I started dancing in the sixth grade, when our entire class took dance lessons from an Arthur Murray instructor. I fell in love with the instructor's son so I got to dance more than the rest of the class. He was a good dancer.

As a teen I danced on the weekends at Panama City and Pensacola Beaches. I also danced at a club called the Southland.

I met and married a sailor named Ed in 1965. We moved to Greenville, South Carolina in 1966. We both loved to dance, and through friends we went to the original Sand Flea Beach Club on Rutherford Road. There we took shag lessons, danced and met a lot of fun people.

My first trip to North Myrtle Beach was with some Carolina girls, who told me if I ever got Carolina sand in my britches, I would never look back at any other beach. We stayed at the Helms that weekend. As soon as we arrived, they pulled me out of the car, ran me down to the beach, and put sand in my britches.

They were right. North Myrtle Beach is home now. I have even bought a house right in the middle of it all.