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*Having been born in Salisbury, North Carolina and raised in Charleston, South*

*Carolina makes me a TRUE CAROLINA GIRL!*

*As a lover of all things southern, my love for the shag is innate. I love music, but especially that to which I can express myself through dancing. To me that is the shag. The first exposure I had with the dance was as a high school freshman attending my first sockhop. When I saw those couples moving so smoothly and effortlessly on the floor I was smitten with the dance. I began to practice and practice. The doorknob in my bedroom became my partner. I wanted to be sure I could dance if I ever got the chance!*

*There were several places in Charleston to dance. There was The Seaside, located on the Isle of Palms, east of the Cooper River. The trek over the river did not deter any of us ready to dance. Another place was The Sands, a club west of the Ashley River. Often my friends and I would go to the Folly Beach pier to hear performers such as Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs.*

*My dancing days continued when I went off to college, I attended Newberry and met my future husband, Larry Taylor. We married our sophomore year, had two children, and moved to Columbia. Being busy with family and work, dancing was not in the picture. Although when certain songs were played on the radio I would "practice" with the doorknob. After the birth of our third daughter, the two older daughters became regular baby sitters which allowed for adult play time, which for me has always been dancing.*

*Larry and I were told about a club in Columbia where people were shagging - Fanny's Beach Club. We became members of the newly formed Columbia Shag Club. We danced at Wits End, Jo-Jo's, St. Nick's, BEAU'S, and Butch's Beach Club. From Columbia to O.D. and THE PAD, FAT JACK'S, H.A.T.S, FAT HAROLD'S, DUCKS, S.O.S., A.C.S.C. -The music, the dance, the friends- so many wonderful memories!*