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Donald Elihue "Shad" Alberty was a product of McAdoo Heights in Geeensboro, North Carolina. He was born sometime between September, 1930 and September 1936. Shad was taught to dance by the legendary "Bunk" Leech. He spent his formative years at Carolina Beach and City Lake in High Point. In 1956, Shad invaded Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, where he met his hero and idol - Doug Perry. Shad, Doug and a young up-and-coming jitterbug, Norfleet Jones, terrorized Atlantic Beach for years before matriculating back to Ocean Drive.

In 1964, Shad did the one decent and respectable thing that he has ever done - he married Brenda. It was later reported by reliable sources that Brenda only married him out of pity and compassion. The wedding was the anti-social event of the season that year in Charlotte. The wedding was attended by many notables. "Spider" Kirkman was the best man and thrilled that August crowd by doing the boogie walk while coming down the aisle. It should be noted that while Donald Elihue "Shad" Alberty is acknowledged as one of the greatest dancers of all time - the truth is that if Brenda had not taken pity on him - and Doug Perry had not provided him with wise counsel and good leadership - Shad would still be in McAdoo Heights pitching pennies, rolling drunks and chewin Vicks Inhalers.

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