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Brenda "Miss B" Alberty was born and raised in the Sandhills of North Carolina in a town called "Done" or "Dunn". This metropolis is also the home a another Hall of Fame couple . . . her hame is Dottie, but I can't recall his name . . . he was never very big on the beach anyway. Brenda, whose middle name is "Mae", and my middle name is "do-do" if she finds out who wrote this, led a fairly innocent and sheltered life until the great disaster of 1963. This was a very dark year . . . remember?!? . . . the Vietnam War started . . . Mt. Polono erupted and killed 30,000 people . . . the President of the United States was assassinated . . . and Brenda met Shad!! As I said, it was not a good year, especially for Brenda. However, she tried to make the best of it, but in one of her weaker moments . . . her reason and judgement impaired by Shad's stunning good looks, expenisve clothes, big bucks, double kickback (when his knees didn't collapse), and debonair decorum . . . (here the author has to be excused to gag and throw up) . . . agreed to marry him . . . even without a pre-nuptial agreement, which is amazing in itself since it is a felony under North Carolina law to use the words "Shad" and "Work" in the same sentence.

November 1964, a month that will live in infamy, hosted the wedding (and the parties!) of the decade. The celebration started on Monday and the wedding took place sometime over the weekend (I think). Spider Kirkman was the "best man" because he was the only one sober enough to find the aisle . . . or the church . . . and he executed a perfect "boogie walk" down the aisle after the ceremony . . . Shad tried to also . . . but as usual . . . his knees collapsed. Since the wedding, Miss B has tried to keep Shad in line, without much success. By trying to protect and defend him from himself and his "do-dah" activities, she has been unfairly, but accurately, labeled "The Queen of Mean".

Miss B is a highly successful businesswoman and the driving force behind the Albertys' legendary dance careers. In fact, it has been said by thousands of un-named sources that Miss B has been carrying Shad, especially on the dance floor, since about 1963½. It is a little known fact that Brenda is very active on the political scene . . . even at this writing, she is lobbying the North Carolina General Assembly to get a law passed to put the dimmer switch back on the floor board of all automobiles . . . it seems that Shad keeps getting his foot caught in the steering wheel trying to dim the headlights. Since Brenda has reached 45, 40 35, or "thirty something", she has mellowed out . . . but during her courting days, and after, not only did she have to raise Shad, she had the responsibility of "mothering" Spider Kirkman, Billy Young, Norfleet Jones (When she wasn't threatening to kill him), and a little Marine who kept showing up blistered at 4:00 AM on weekends. In short, Brenda has held up well under the worst possible associations and adverse circumstances.

Despite the many "heavy" burdens that has been Brenda's lot, she has remained a charming lady, "Beach to the Bone", and certainly a deserving selection to the Beach Shaggers Hall of Fame.

Submitted with extreme apprehension and trepidation,
TOTALLY ANONYMOUS!!!!