



# Jimmy Ray Soles 2007

## JIMMY RAY SOLES

Born on December 16, 1950 in Loris, South Carolina-ordered back to Tabor City, North Carolina upon delivery.

My shagging experience began the summer of 1966. A friend of mine offered me two dollars and a PBR Beer to drive him to Ocean Drive. I was mesmerized, hypnotized, and satisfied-Hooked at O.D.- FOREVER. I danced my first time at "The Barrel". Every minute I could spare was spent at O.D. year round at "The Barrel", "Pad", "Beach Party", the original "Spanish Galleon" and of course the "Pavilion. Many years later, the sand still in my shoes. O.D. Always!!

A military brat, I lived all over the states and in Germany with my family. I lived in Tabor City, North Carolina from 1965-1969 and graduated from Tabor City High School in 1969. I enrolled at Southeastern Community College and studied dancing at O.D. instead of school. In November of 1969 I decided to join the Army and volunteered for Airborne School, Pathfinder School, and Vietnam. I served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division's "Pathfinder Detachment" in 1970 and 1971. My last assignment was as a D.I. at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and during my off time I would always find a couple of places that would substitute for O.D. I left the service in 1976, enrolled in school and received a B.S. Degree from USC in 1980.

I feel very fortunate to be a participant in the "Shaggin World" and have met so many wonderful people. Lifelong friendships have happened for me because of the music, dance and a great mixing of people who love it too!

My parents, two brothers and a sister still live in Tabor City, N.C. My son (Bo) and daughter (Letitia) live in Conway, S.C. I am currently living in High Point, N.C. with my wonderful wife, Jill Harris-Soles, step-son, Blake Harris, and our precious baby (dog) Razzle Dazzle.

Thank you very much for the honor of being inducted into the "Shaggers Hall of Fame". I fell blessed, humbled, and privileged to be associated with such an outstanding group of wonderful people.

**THANK YOU!!**