



# Debbie Wilson 2011

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It is an honor to be a part of such an amazing organization of accomplished dancers. They have a deep love for the music and dance, and a heartfelt commitment to their fellow man and humanitarian projects.

I grew up in Ocean Drive (O.D.) and attended Wampee Little River High School. (The name of my high school pretty much tells my age!)

I fell in love with the dance at a very young age. I would sit on the wall at Fork's Drive-In for hours mesmerized by the phenomenal dancers. I would then go home and practice with a pair of panty hose tied to a door knob. I have not had shag lessons, so my count is more like da, da, do....maybe that's why my basic is what it is...

The Pad, the Barrel, and soon after, Harold's Across the Street, were rockin' and I could not stay off the dance floor. I have participated in some SPA dance contests, but mixed doubles are still my favorite.

Many enjoyable hours were spent dancing all over North Carolina and South Carolina. I have met the most wonderful people thru beach music and the dance, even though some of the wonderful people are not among us today; they are still in our hearts.

A lot of things have since changed, but I still have the wonderful memories of friendships and experiences of the dance and music.

My only advice that I would give is NOT to say the word "shag" when you work out of the country...NOT GOOD!

The most important accomplishments of my life are my daughter, Rachel McKelvey and my son, Richard (Darrell) Long. They have blessed me with 4 beautiful grandchildren, whom I am so proud of. In fact, they make my world go around.