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Personal History:

Born - February 9, 1934

Hometown - Raleigh, NC

Education - Hugh Morson High School & Peace College - Raleigh, NC

Husband - Bob Jones

Children - Bret and Beverly Umstead

The first time I remember seeing the Shag was at Carolina Beach, NC at a place on the boardwalk which had a juke box - I was 15. There was a counter around the dance floor and we watched over this counter for hours. To dance on that floor was our dream. Saw Clarice Reavis and even Steve McQueen on that dance floor.

I went to Myrtle Beach for the first time the summer of 1951 with Maxine Cannon. We worked at a cafe near the Pavillion that summer - we shared a room with a group of our friends from Raleigh, NC. (where I grew up), Jean Allen, Peggy McCurdy, Janet Jenkins, and Lela Barnes. Bo McEachern and Richard Smart were also friends from Raleigh who were there my first summer. I made many new friends from North and South Carolina. We kept in touch all through that school year.

I went back to Myrtle the next summer and worked at the Ocean Forest Hotel in the soda shop. At night we went to the Pavillion or Spiveys to dance.

That was the last summer I worked at the beach, but kept going back on week-ends to meet with friends from other cities. At that time we started going to OD and dancing at "The Pad". We made a lot of new friends who hung out at "The Pad".

Over the years I went to many cities in North and South Carolina to visit friends, dance, listen to good music, and party.