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Birth Date: October 7, 1931, Spartanburg, South Carolina

I started coming to Myrtle Beach in 1948 on the week-ends. The summer of 1951 was the first summer I stayed at the beach. During the next four years I spent the majority of my summers at Myrtle Beach and Ocean Drive.

In the early years SPIVEY'S was my favorite spot along with MR. MOODY'S REC. CENTER. Of course, there was COOTER JENNINGS "OASIS", "BARRINGERS" and the B&L . . . also, the BROOKGREEN ROOM at the OCEAN FOREST HOTEL. In '52 and '53 I worked for a while as a lifeguard for Beaver and at the Pavilion for Roy Harrellson and John Holcombe.

I could name BEACH BUMS, JITTERBUGS, or SHAGGERS too numerous to mention who I considered friends of mine. I wish there was room but there's not enough to name them all. Also, there were many and I might accidentally leave one name out and that would be terrible.

After Hazel blew SPIVEY'S away in '54 it seemed as if that was the end of MYRTLE BEACH and the total crowd seemed to migrate to OCEAN DRIVE. I was married in early 1955 but continued to come to the BEACH on vacations and week-ends frequently. It was wonderful when the SOS was started and great to see the old crowd . . . some I had not seen in years. The SOS, though, was not my reason for returning to the BEACH, only reason to come more often . . . because I really never stopped coming or loving MY BEACH and ALL thereon.

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