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I was born and raised in a small town in the eastern part of North Carolina call Faison. Graduated from North Duplin High School where I played basketball and softball. I grew up with an older brother and two younger sisters. My mother worked two jobs to support us therefore my brother had to take care of me and my sisters. If he went to a party or dance we went also. At the age of 12, I learned to Bop from the mother of my brother's girlfriend. My sisters and I were partners for my brother while he learned new steps. Of course were only allowed to do the basic. In my teenage years I danced at the Mt. Olive Teen Club and Taylor's Pond. As I got older I went to Williams Lake and most of all to the Twin Produce in Faison to hear Ulysses Hardy and the Mighty Blue Notes. Carolina Beach at the Ocean Plaza and Atlantic Beach, known as Morehead, were the places to go dance after my high school years. The Embers Club and Jolly Knave were my first experience of watching a dance contest. I even competed in a few with Danny Lanier and Bill Lee. After high school I moved to Raleigh with some girlfriends. Met some wonderful people there and danced at places like The Embers Club, Jolly Knave and the Cat's Eye in Raleigh and the Castaways in Greensboro on Sunday nights.

I met my husband Nick Columbus in the fall of 1973 at a place in Faison called Lake Artistia. We dated six months and were married in July of 1974. We lived the first six years in a place where there was only one place to go dance, John's Place outside of New London, NC. Then we moved to Greensboro and found this wonderful place called The Bushes. There we met some really great dancers. We started dancing on the SPA circuit in North Carolina and South Carolina in 1980. Taught lessons in Greensboro at a club called The Nickeloden owned by Dave Moore and Nick Columbus. In 1984 we moved to Atlanta, Georgia and our competing days were over but our teaching and love of dancing was alive and well. Someone told us that there was a great place to dance on Buford Highway called "Chicks". We met the owner Chick Hedrick and he made us feel so welcome. We taught lessons there and made lots of great friends whom we still keep in touch with.

In 1998 we moved to Goldsboro, North Carolina to be closer to our families. North Myrtle Beach was much closer now so we started going there for Mid-Winter, SOS, Shag Attack and just to get away. We joined Sugarfoot Shag Club in Goldsboro and went to various places to dance. My husband Nick and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary on July 27, 2014. What a great year this has been. I am honored to be a member of the Shaggers Hall of Fame and I want to thank everyone who made this possible.