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I grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated from Page High School in 1971. I have 2 grown children, Marshall 39 and Lauren 37.

After working for a major trucking company in Greensboro for 20 years, I went to work for myself with my own automotive wholesale dealership for the next 15 years.

Back around 1980, I was at a place in the Ramada Inn called Bananas Beach Club in Greensboro where I just happened to see my first shag dance contest and dance of contenders contest. I just fell in love with it! I was hooked by then. After that, I took dance lessons from Ellen Stringfellow(Taquino) for 10 weeks at the club. After dancing with various partners, I met Montine Campbell of Asheboro, N.C. We got into our first contest at the Royce Hotel in Charlotte around 1988.

We have danced in a lot of contests in North and South Carolina over the years. We came in second place in the National Shag Contest at Studebakers in the Non Pro Division in 1990.

We stopped competing around 1994 when Montine's dad fell ill and we had to take care of him. We started dancing again around 2004. We've judged numerous contests, taught dance classes and participated in SOS, Our Time, Midwinter, etc. We still enjoy going out to the clubs and having good times with our many friends and of course dancing.

This is an honor to be elected to the Shaggers Hall of Fame. A big thank you for selecting me for this cherished honor!