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I grew up in Sumter, South Carolina and graduated from Edmunds High School in 1956.

It was during my high school years that I began going to the beach with my first house party at the "ripe old age" of 14. We went to Ocean Drive and that was the beginning of the "SHAG" for me. I danced a little before then but did not have the love for it like I did after learning the real shag.

Lila Skinner Munn and I used to go to O.D. any time we had \$5.00 between us and she could get her mother's car. We would get with some of the regulars (Larry Blake, Dennis Beam, Billy Moffatt, the Michael brothers, and occasionally "King" Harry Driver) and dance the night away. After breakfast at dawn, we would regroup, dance a little more, then head for home. What energy!

After Lila moved to Bishopville, my beach days continued. I used to keep Betty Kennedy Kane in trouble with her parents. Seems like Betty always forgot to tell them that she was going to the beach with me but they always found out.

In 1958 I moved to Columbia. The fun continued with such good friends as Buddy Kennedy, Bert Bennett, Ann Huddle, Elaine Johnson, B.R. Bennett, and several others.

My beach days were temporarily altered after I married my dear husband, Jim Lancaster, on April 1, 1962. Being a military family, we traveled quite a bit and lived in many places until moving back to Sumter in 1978. Our 2 sons live in Raleigh, NC and Columbia SC.

The reunion of old beach friends has been wonderful these past years and I look forward to continuing the fun. My induction into the Shaggers Hall of Fame is truly an honor and my thanks go to all my friends who made it possible.