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I began shagging (we called it Fast Dancing) when I was twelve years old. I would watch my brother, Ellison Stokes, (He was great!) and his friends, Leon Williams, Vera Munn, etc. . . ., all dance in our living room and I fell in love with the music.

Billy and Wanda Jeffers were in charge of the Recreation Center where the teenagers would go in the afternoon to dance. I had so much fun and we would stay until it closed. Friends would come to my home and we would teach each other steps. You could not go to Ocean Drive if you did not know how to dance! We would go back and froth from the Pavilion to the "Pad" at O.D.

There were so many good dancers from my home town of Florence, South Carolina; Ellison Stokes, Leon Williams, Bobby Rainwater, Billy and Wanda Jeffers, Gene and Betty Parrott, Vera Munn, and from my high school days; Joel (Wormy) Wall, Newell Harley, Ted Walker, Charles Calcutt, Jimmy Harris, Dottie Turner Driver, Marcia McLeod Johnson, Ann Calcutt, Glenda Breeden, Ann Vaughan, and many more.

I met my favorite dancer, my husband, George Morris at a dance and he had "taken the floor" with another girl! They were from Sumter, South Carolina.

We have been married for many years and still love the dance as much now as we did in the 50's. We have two beautiful daughters Janet and Judy, and a precious granddaughter, Lauren.

Thank you for electing me to be in the "Shaggers Hall Of Fame". This honor means so much to me.