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the summers from 1946 to 1949 were a special time in my life. We would rise early on Saturday mornings to catch the school bus which would take us to Folly Beach for one dollar. The old wooden pavilion was a magnificent structure - there is nothing like it anywhere today. And out to the front and to the right, on the beach, was Rainbow Corner - heaven to a girl who loved to shag.

On the pavilion and at Rainbow Corner, I could watch Harry Hitopoulos, Billy Gage, Bobby Summerset and Doris Duke dance. They were among the best, and I learned everything I could from watching them shag.

I taught my dates to dance until I met Lloyd at Brownells on Sullivans Island in 1951. Needless to say, I didn't have to teach Lloyd to dance. Lloyd and I married in 1953 and have two children, Lynne Change and Michael Moore. Both are married and live in Holly Hill.

From the mid-fifties until early eighties, we settled down and began to do the little normal things people with children do.

Around 1980 Lloyd and I went to Mirage in Charleston every chance we could. We learned "the new shag" with mirror steps from Linda Walker. We helped start the Santee Shag Club which is now the Orangeburg Area Shag Club.

We also began to teach. We were invited by the Commander of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia to come up and give one shag lesson at the Officer's Club 50s party. That night we taught three Air Force Generals to do the South Carolina State Dance.

We also taught in Sumter about the time Sumter formed a shag club. It was difficult without him, but I continued to teach. In 1989 I flew to Charleston, West Virginia to show the other Charleston what the shag looked like.

I have continued to teach classes at the Manning Country Club, Holly Hill Country Club, Santee and Ho Jo's and the Santee National Golf Club, and St. George. I am now in my second year of classes at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical School.

Many of our students are excellent teachers themselves today - Jim Bowers, Matt Evans, Marie Mougan and Susan Tisdall.

My great pleasure in life is to see people from eight to eighty learn and enjoy shagging, the dance that has been so much a part of my life. I am deeply honored to be inducted into the Beach Shagger's Hall of Fame.