



## Jim "Spider" Kennedy 2006

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I was born in Washington, DC, but I'm a product of Wayne County, NC., and Goldsboro, to be exact. I went to Goldsboro High School and New Hope High School.

Remembering back, my first encounter seeing the shag was at a place called "Dudley Beach" or "Mays Pond" in Dudley, NC. Nothing but a dance floor on top of a spillway with a juke box. I, along with my cousins Bert and Van May, with our self pegged blue jeans, would sit on the side rails and watch The likes of Louie Hester and Charles "Tinker" Bell. Louie impressed me so much that I knew I had to learn to "Shag". So, to the door handle with a belt I went.

After a little time went by, the trips to different shag spots and locations started. Goldpark Lake, Hillview, Mt. Olive Scout Hut, Taylor's Pond, Faison, Shady's in Kinston, Jim Thornton's, Melody Park and of course, ATLANTIC BEACH, NC, Myrtle Beach, SC (The Pad, Fat Harolds, Sonny's Pavilion, Old Beach Club and Jail with Teal) just to name a few.

The meeting of a lot of different friends and people - Shad, Doug Perry, Norfleet Jones, Susie Griffin, John Lewis Nunn, Harry Driver, Bobby Tomlinson, Sue Lanier, plus all the local Goldsboro gang, George Summerlin, Ray Harris, Ray Faircloth and so many more. The list is too long. They all helped influence me.

Then, I went to a place called Williams Lake. My whole life changed and got much better. I met a fine little girl named Anne Jackson and then nothing else mattered. We later married. Moved to the Washington, DC area. We have one son "Scott" And Daughter In Law "Carol" and one Grandson "Dustin" They live in Columbia, SC.

We still reside in Northern VA and recently part time in Myrtle Beach, SC. I have been away from the scene of shagging for 35 years but, we intend to get back to the fun life of shagging and meeting different people.

I am so honored to have been selected to such a great organization and group Of fine dancers and people, some of the best I have ever known and will never forget.  
Thank you so much for remembering!