



Bill "Sleepy" Timmerman

SHAGGERS HALL OF FAME POSTHUMOUS BILL "SLEEPY" TIMMERMAN

"Sleepy" Timmerman, whose name was Billy Julius Timmerman was born in Simpsonville, South Carolina on June 22, 1931. He grew up in Greenville and attended Greenville Junior and Greenville Senior High School where he majored in beach bummin' at Myrtle Beach.

Randall Coleman met Sleepy in the summer of 1942 as they were both walking down Hampton Avenue. Randall had some comic books in his hand that caught Sleepy's eye. From then on they swapped comic books and were best friends.

Sleepy's hobbies were girls, shagging, record and comic book collecting, and playing gin rummy. He was married three times and after this third marriage he told Randall, with his usual lisp, "if this one doesn't work I'm going to begin to believe it's me." That marriage did work. He had a lovely wife Beverly and a lovely daughter Cindy.

He was a great shagger and the majority of his summers were spent at Myrtle Beach where he did a lot of shagging. He learned early by tying a towel to a bed post to practice as did many of his friends.

He was a great gin rummy player. He once won enough money from two men named Frank and Walter to buy an English Ford. He told them he was going to put Frank's name on one door and Walter's name on the other door.

Sleepy's mother lived in New York City and as that was too far away from the South Carolina beaches he lived in Greenville with his aunt Grace. Sleepy and Randall thumbed to New York one summer when they were sixteen years old.

Billy Julius "Sleepy" Timmerman passed away on April 13, 1965 from cancer. He has been greatly missed by all his friends who knew and loved him and they were many as Sleepy was always friendly with everyone and never met a stranger. Proof of his popularity and the numbers that knew and loved him are here on this wall of "Hall of Famers." To me he was a brother.