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I was 12 years old when I first began dancing at the NCO club in Ft. Eustis, Virginia, where my father was stationed in the army. My mother loved to dance but my father did not. I danced with my mother and other NCO wives. When I became 13, I danced at the Ft. Eustis Teen Club. After my father was shipped to Germany, we moved to Greensboro where I danced at the Greensboro Teen Club that was sponsored by the "Old Rebel and Pacos Pete" show. When my Dad came back from Germany, we moved to Ft. Bragg. There I danced at the Spring lake Teen Club. We moved back to Randleman and I started going to The Rathskeller, Perry's Dance Land, Jokers 3, JukeBox, and especially The Castaways.

I started competition dancing around 1975. My first partner was Kay Tart. I also danced with Ann Rouse and O'Neil Branch Bourne. Later Candy Brooks became my regular partner. We worked out routines together and danced together for 10 years. We had a very successful run competing at Elliott's Nest, Groucho's, Reds, PJC's, The Jolly Knave, Louis's, Plus 21 Club, Fat Jacks, The Barrel, Fat Harold's, The Bushes, The Guard, Thirsty's and many more. For the past 19 years my life partner and love of my life has been my dance partner and soul mate...Suzy Brown Eldreth.

I still love to dance competitively in mixed doubles charity evets. I will dance as long as my legs with hold me up. Thank you to all you made my induction into the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame possible. It is truly a honor.