



# Betsy Pritchard - 2017

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I was born in Winston-Salem, NC but grew up, got married and had my two sons in Mt. Airy, NC. From there I moved to Asheboro, NC. Divorce happened and on a Saturday night outing with friends, I went to a shag club in Greensboro, NC called Gene's. That night I met the love of my life Phil Pritchard.

Two months later I went to my first SOS. The first three people I met, and we hung around with the whole weekend, were Louise Hunsucker, Bunk Leach, and Louie Madden. Little did I know I had met and became friends with three of the best. A year later, Phil and I were married by none other than Harold Bessent in front of the Jukebox at Fat Harold's Beach Club.

In 2003, I was given the honor of being inducted into Living Legends. In 2015, I was given another honor of going on Thirsty's 2 Wall of Fame.

For 25 years, I can't remember a week that Phil and I haven't danced; at Thirsty's, with our "Family" at the beach, or on the back porch of our home.

I have met forever friends because of this dance. I can't express in words the honor and pride I feel for being selected to be a member of the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame.