



Harvey Clarke - 2021

HARVEY CLARKE

My name is Harvey Clarke. I am married to Vicki Clarke and we live in Camden SC. I have three wonderful children, two daughters and a son.

When I was 14 years old, my sister, Mary, went to Limestone College. She came home and told me that I had to learn the dance. She fastened a belt to the doorknob and placed cards on the floor and told me to practice. When the Christmas parties started, everyone wanted to dance like me.

When I was 16 years old, I discovered Myrtle Beach. The Pad was fantastic; Sonny's had great music and dancing. People at the clubs called this fast dancing. I tried to learn steps watching the great Donnie Christenbury on the dance floor as most people did. Everyone left the floor when he danced, me included.

I went to USC and loved the college life. The Owls Club had great dancers and I enjoyed watching them. I went to the K A fraternity parties and danced while liquor and beer reached the top of my shoes.

After graduation, The Pad was still great and Cagney's was a must on Friday nights.

Then came The Beatles and it ruined everything, very little fast dancing was going on. After the Beatles, the disco phase came for a period of time. I liked watching the disco and the music but still stayed true to the dance.

In the 70's, the Shag returned! Great clubs were everywhere and I tried to make them all. Fat Jacks, Harold's, Butch's, The Pavilion, Wits End - just to name a few.

Jean Clarke was invited into the Hall of Fame. I danced with her at every HOF function. I got to know each person and loved watching the different styles and steps. There were party's and we were invited to most. I made a lot of friends and really enjoyed myself.

The year was 2008. Vicki Clarke and I were married. She was living at N Myrtle Beach and we went out a lot, Harold's back room, the Pavilion, Ducks and Saville's. Parties were going on, SOS, Our Time and dancing with old and new friends.

Being invited into The Living Legions was a great honor and I appreciate it greatly. Being inducted into The Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame is a great honor that I will cherish.

I am so proud to be included in this group of outstanding men and women.