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Born in a little town called High Point, N.C., I grew up in what I call the "Soul of Beach & Shag Music". The Castaways introduced me to soul and beach music. After my service in the US Army, I opened a club in High Point with my older brother called The El Conquistador. We had many groups from the Carolinas and national groups perform there. I started my deejay career there along with dancing to all the tunes.

The 80's really started my shagging in area contests with many different ladies. The Bushes in Greensboro was the spot to go in those days for shag dancing. I took the girl I was dating at that time with me to introduce her to real shag music and dancing. She was a natural. Together we started learning steps together in order to compete in contests. Debbie Rickard and I traveled over the Carolinas competing in contests. She went on to compete with various guys and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006.

My shagging introduced me to some of the greats: Chicken Hicks, JoJo Putnam, Charles Gurley, Milton Nowell, Cadillac Jack Smith, and Eddie Page just to name a few. Don't forget the ladies: Joann Johnson, Ellen Taylor, Jackie McGee, and Sandra Schwartz are just a few.

In 1990, I opened a club called The Juke Box where we played the best of shag & beach music holding several contests for CSA/SPA, Juniors, and Hall of Fame. We taught lessons and provided a dance floor so fellow shaggers could come practice and tune their skills.

I am still dancing and playing beach and shag music around the Carolinas. I love both the dance and the music. In 1993, I was inducted into the Beach Music Deejay Hall of Fame. My love for the music and dance is everlasting in my heart.

Thank you for my induction into the 2022 Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame.