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I began going to Ocean Drive to spend the summer with my Grandparents in 1953. They owned a house which is still located right behind Crazy Zack's.

While visiting them, I spent most of my time at the Old Pavilion watching the older kids Jitterbug. I fell in love with the music and the dance. I had been taking tap and ballet lessons since I was five years old and when I saw the Jitterbug (Now the Shag), I knew this was a dance I had to learn. I would go home after watching the dancers and hold on to a door knob and practice until I could do the steps.

When the summer was over and it was time to return home to Florence, a lot of my friends and I started going to the Teenage Canteen after school. There I saw some of the best dancers I had ever seen, such as Billy and Wanda Jeffers, Vera Munn, Jim (Doodle) Munn, and Jimmy Calcutt.

The most popular place in Florence to dance during my High School days was the Airport Drive-In. All the great dancers -- Margie Stokes Morris, Dottie Turner Driver, Sandra Tyner Marshall, Charles Calcutt, Joel (Wormy) Wall and many more could be found there almost every weekend.

The Pad at O.D. and Sonny's Pavilion at Cherry Grove was our hangout during the summers of 1954-1958. We had some good times there and met so many good dancers from other towns. Lila Skinner Munn, Shirby Knight Lancaster, Harry Driver and Larry Blake, just to name a few.

I met my husband, Franz Johnson, in 1955 on a blind date. He has to be one of the greatest dancers of all times. After a two year tour in the Army, we were married in 1958. We have four wonderful children; two sons, Mark and Rod; and two daughters, Robin and Sandy. We now have three precious grandsons.

Thank you for electing me to be in the "Shaggers Hall Of Fame". It is a real honor and it means so much to me.