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I was born and raised in Sumter, S.C., the home of many good dancers during the 40's and 50's. I feel fortunate to have grown up during a time when "fast dancing" was popular.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who helped me learn how to dance. It would be impossible to name them all, but here are a few: Lila Skinner Munn, Barbara Johns, Sherbie Knight Lancaster, and her sister June Knight. They were all instrumental in showing me the "basic steps".

Our favorite place to dance was "Second Mill", located on the lake in Sumter. Excellent dancers from all over the state would come here to dance with the Sumter crowd.

Before I ever danced with a girl, I practiced my "basic steps" with a "post" and watched all the best dancers to pick up steps. One of my favorites was Franz Johnson. He was my "mentor". After many days and nights of dancing with that "post", I finally got up the nerve to ask a girl to dance and I have been shagging ever since.

I married Margie Stokes from Florence, S.C. she is a wonderful girl and an excellent dancer. We have been dancing together for many years. We have two daughters, Janet and Judy, and two beautiful granddaughters, Lauren and Alexandria whom I love very much.

Thanks so much for electing me to be in the "Shaggers Hall of Fame". This is such an honor to me. I have made so many good friends while dancing and having a good time!