



# Dreama Osborne 2012

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I grew up in a small mill town in North Carolina called Cooleemee, where dancing was always part of my life. We had a recreation center with a juke box where all the kids congregated. I have two older sisters that I tagged after all the time and they both danced, so it just came naturally for me to follow in their footsteps. We also used to go to Lake Hideaway in Mocksville on weekends to dance.

We began coming to Myrtle Beach for family vacations when I was in grammar school. Dad would make my sisters take me with them when they went to the Pavilion in Myrtle Beach to dance. Their boyfriends would always dance with me also. As I got older and could go by myself, I danced at The Pavilion and The Little House with locals Johnny Butler, Petsey Reynolds, Johnny Barringer and anyone else that asked.

In NC we went to Kannapolis to Jerry's Lounge and I met Mike Osborne (no relation to me). He liked one of my sisters but liked to dance with me. He used to come to Cooleemee in the afternoons and we would practice. I never had formal dance lessons but I learned from one of the very best. I remember the first time we went to the Rooster Tale in Charlotte, Mike and I danced and everyone stopped to watch. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I remember Shad Alberty and some of the other good dancers wanted to dance with me after that and Mike told them I was his little sister so they better behave. He still calls me that to this day.

I used to also go to Polo Grill in Winston-Salem, Henry's Danceland in Stokesdale, High Point City Lake and the Shadows. I can remember stopping by the side of the road, turning the radio up loud and having what we called street dances after the clubs closed. I always got in trouble for not getting home on time.

My heart has always been at the beach and as soon as I was old enough I moved here and started coming to The Pad, Sonny's Pavilion, The Town House, Cagney's and The Army Navy Club for afterhours. Anywhere there was music and a dance floor that is where I wanted to be.

I am humbled and honored to be included in the company of the many wonderful dancers and friends that I have in The Hall of Fame. IT IS TRULY A DREAM COME TRUE!