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Brenda Bumgarner Miller was born in Statesville, N.C. Her family moved to Chester, S.C. when she was four years old where she lived through high school.

At Chester high School, Brenda excelled in academics and basketball and was an accomplished musician and majorette with the band. She was a leader among her peers and received many honors as a result of that quality. She was chosen "Best All Around" by her senior class because she very enthusiastically participated in all aspects of life that she loved, and her classmates who chose Brenda "Best All Around" loved her.

Speaking of things that Brenda loved, two of those loves - dancing and people - came so easy and natural to her. It was obviously in her genes (you'd have to know Brenda's mother and father, Ann and Ken).

In Chester, the land of the Shag, Brenda had great places to practice and indulge herself in her love of dancing. Before there was the beach, there was the Chester Teenage Canteen and the ever popular Mountain Lakes. Brenda and other great dancers dancing to "Canadian Sunset", what a joy to watch! Calling Brenda a "Shagger" though is an understatement, she was a great dancer who loved dancing. She just happened to "Shag" very well.

After high school, Brenda attended Winthrop College and graduated in 1964, with a degree in business education. Her intelligence and warm winning personality landed Brenda several successful positions before she came to light very happily in Florence, S.C.

In Florence, Brenda's life took on a very purposeful meaning as a highly respected and admired director of the Department of Social Services and a dedicated advocate of children's rights. All the while, Brenda never skipped a beat in her love for dancing - as those who knew her can attest.

Shaggers, remember Brenda as a person who loved life, her family, her friends, and dancing - she would like that.

You are loved and missed