



# Philip Norvell Tilghman

## SHAGGERS HALL OF FAME POSTHUMOUS PHILIP NORVELL TILGHMAN, JR.

Philip Norvell Tilghman, Jr. was born on October 3, 1971 in Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a curious, loving child who enjoyed a zest for life and was loved by all.

Philip was introduced to the Shag at an early age. His parents, Phil and Kathryn had both learned to Shag as young teens (Phil grew up in OD) and had taught the dance at Harold's Across the Street in the early 1970's. Philip learned the Basic and then easily accomplished not only the Pivot, but also the Sugarfoot and Boogie Walk at the tender age of 8!

Because of an illness the summer before his 16th birthday, Philip had to discontinue his favorite outdoor sports of surfing, soccer and golf. His love of music and the dance enticed him to join the cast of the movie "Shag" which was being filmed on the Grand Strand. His thoughtfulness, and fun-loving, helpful nature made him one of the most loved extras, both by the stars and his peers. He was even selected to appear in the lead-in picture of People Magazine's pre-movie story of the Shag. Philip loved the comradery of the dancers; the sharing of steps; and the friendships bonded by a mutual love for the dance. He became a very accomplished Junior Shagger.

The summer before his 17th birthday, Philip enrolled at Christ School in Arden, NC, where on November 11, 1988, he lost his life in a freak accident. But Philip had made his mark on his new classmates and a memorial award was established in his name by his friends.

Once again, Philip has been honored for something that was dear to him. His family -- Phil, Kathryn, sister Kelly and brothers Drew, Parker and Tyler and stepmother Debe - are all very grateful for the Shaggers Hall of Fame's loving tribute to their precious son and brother, Philip Tilghman, Jr.