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Hi,

My name is Jeannie Mole. I was born on September 14, 1940 and raised in Charleston, S.C., -- the Holy City.

I had these terrific twin Aunts -- Annette and Jeanette Mole. They were only three years older than me, but at that age three years is forever. My Granny had a summer home on Atlantic Street at Folly Beach, I would stay with Granny and my aunts during the summer. From the time I was a small child, on Sunday afternoons, we'd go down to the Pavilion and watch folks dancing. My aunts and I would dance with each other. Being kids, what did we know? Well, there were some short little men dancing -- these little fellows would boogie. We called it fast dancing at that time. Well these fellows were Philipinoes on leave from ships in port. I suppose that's really what lit the flame of dancing in me.

As I grew up, we danced at the Bowling Alley, Pier and Pavilion. I also remember this little outside place where we danced. You turned right at the Pavilion and it was down a few blocks on the ocean. On the weekends bands usually played on the pier, bands like Bo-Diddly, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Shirley & Lee. We also went to a black club at Folly. In those days when you went to a black club, they treated you like royalty. I guess its safe to assume I grew up with rhythm and blues.

Later, we'd go to Myrtle Beach at times. I remember people like Bob Donahue, Buddy Kennedy and some other really great dancers at Folly Beach. I suppose any one in that time zone, remembers the Five O'Clock Club in Chrleston. It was downtown on the Battery. Well, my uncle was on the vice squad. In those days, they would raid or just pass thru these clubs after hours. My buddies would hide me under the table, being as I was too young to be in these clubs anyway.

I couldn't change gears in those days, but if something was going on at the Isle of Palms, I would be the one to drive and someone else would shift the gears for me. I guess there is some truth in the saying, "God watches over children and fools." Being as I was the only one who didn't drink, I was the chosen driver.

Then I met Billy Pack -- thru Shirley and Billy-Gene Glisson. Shirley became my best friend. Pack and I married and had four children in rapid succession. I later went on to nursing school after marriage. I have been a neurosurgical nurse for 20 years.

P.S. Its a great pleasure and honor to be recognized by my peers to be inducted into the Shaggers Hall of Fame.