



William Louie Madden 1992

WILLIAM LOUIE MADDEN

My full name is William Louie Madden. I go by Louie. I was born May 6, 1927 in Belton, S.C. to Millage and Frances Madden. I have one brother and two sisters. We moved to Burlington, N.C. when I was 5 years old. I graduated from Burlington High School in 1944. After graduation I joined the Navy and was discharged in 1946. Two weeks later I went to work for the Department of Transportation in the engineering department in Graham, N.C. Where I worked for 42 years and retired in 1988.

I married Lucy Wilson, April 30, 1950. We have one daughter and two grandchildren.

I am a Mason and a Shriner and belong to the Burlington Shrine Club and now serve as trustee. I am also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose - Lodge #649 in Burlington and serve as North Carolina State Ritual Chairman. I am also chairman of the International Judging Committee.

I have been a member of the Burlington Shag Club since it was organized. They have their own version of the Hall of Fame. I was inducted on August 31, 1991. The only other person inducted was the late Carl "Tookie" Lee, who was a very close friend.

I have attended several of the S.O.S. functions and try to help any one that wants to learn the Shag. I taught dancing for two years for a friend that had a dance studio.

I started dancing in 1940. After getting out of the Navy in 1946 til 1950. I spent all my vacations and weekends at either Carolina Beach or Myrtle Beach where I got to know "Chicken" Hicks, Harry Driver, Bunk Leach, "Big George" Lineberry, Larry Moore, Carl Lee, Charlie Boone, and many others.