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I grew up in Dunn, North Carolina (home of Harry Driver) and learned to shag from brothers and sisters and friends when I was about twelve years old. Needless to say, I fell in love with the dance, the music and the people. I practiced with door knobs or anything else I could hold. Dunn had a lot of great dancers and I was lucky enough to have Catherine and Arlene Turnage, Inez Johnson and Ann Jackson to watch. Williams Lake was about fifteen miles from Dunn and I spent most Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights there. We went to Jim Thornton's in Raleigh, Faison, Atlantic Beach, Carolina Beach and Ocean Drive as often as possible. I watched Doug, Shad, Spider Kennedy, and a host of others, and like most people I was amazed at what they could do.

Norfleet Jones introduced me to my husband John (a blind date) when I was sixteen and two years later we were married, courtesy of Dillon, S.C. We have been married for thirty-two years and I can't imagine life without him. We had two children, Susan and Ashley, and pretty much stuck close to home when they were small. We still danced occasionally and went to contests. In 1978 we went to a contest, and on a dare, decided to enter. We were hooked.

Dance contests really opened up a new world. We traveled to many cities in North and South Carolina and occasionally Virginia. We have met so many people, made so many friends and been places we never would have gone if not for this dance and the people. To me, that is what it is all about.

It's a real honor to be included in the Hall Of Fame, especially for something that is so much a part of my life and that I enjoy so much. Thank you so much for letting me be a part of your organization.