



AUBREY TOWNSEND, JR. (2003)

For over 70 years, dancing and entertainment has been a large part of Aubrey's life. At the age of approximately 8 years, he was taught to "bop" by his older sister and cousin. They told him that dancing was very important and all the girls liked boys who could dance.

Aubrey began going to dances at a local YMCA in the Richmond area and from then on was addicted to dancing and enjoying good music. At the early age of 16, he was promoting dances on his own by engaging local bands and finding places that would permit teenagers to use the facilities. He continues to this day to promote dances and tries to keep our style of dance alive by encouraging people to take shag lessons. While a member of the Richmond Shag Club, he and a friend taught lessons free because they wanted so badly to get people who had never danced interested in doing so.

While a member of the Richmond Shag Club, he supported the club 100% in any and all fundraisers and activities. He tried hard never to miss the regular dance night and engaged bands for them for special occasions. He is called upon today by different organizations, including sororities, as well as individuals, to help them with obtaining bands or disc jockeys for fund raisers or special occasions.

Aubrey not only has been a loyal member of the Richmond Shag Club, but he has been a frequent visitor of the Virginia Beach Shag Club. He attended every VBSC Bash, as well as attending many of the special functions at Steppin' Out. He is definitely a great dancer and a lover of dance and shag music. Aubrey's expansion and promotion of dance is proven by the many dances he has personally promoted over the past years and continues to do so today.