



BERTA "Bertie" LULL (1995)

Berta Lull, born and raised in the Tidewater area of Virginia, began dancing at the age of twelve. Her early influence in style was "Big George" Lineberry whom she met in her early teens and who remained her close friend until his passing in 1999. During those early years, Bertie did her dancing (then called "fast-dancing" or Lindy) in Virginia Beach and the Carolinas.

She moved to New York where she raised her six children and pursued her dancing, branching out into tap, ballet and Jazz. She became a member of Dance Educators of America but returned frequently to her roots and first love (Shag).

Bertie returned to Virginia Beach in the late 80's where she was installed as a founding member of the "National Living Legends (of Dance)" (NLLD) and in 1995 was inducted in the "Virginia (Shaggers) Hall of Fame" (VSHOF). In 1996, Bertie was inducted in the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame (BSNHOF). She became active with "Virginia Junior Shaggers" and one of her ten grandchildren (11-year old, Alex) showed early signs of following in Grandma's footsteps.