



BILL WILLIAMS (2014)

Bill Williams began his dancing at Elementary School Sock Hops at age 12. His style of dancing was Beach Bop, Fast Dance and Free Style. Later, Bill could be seen dancing at The Moose Hall, Davis Comer Fire Station, Virginia Beach Dome, Peppermint Club and Fat Rogers.

For years, Bill was on the committee for the Beach Music Festival held annually at Virginia Beach Oceanfront. He also co-chaired the committee to teach Junior Shag classes on Sundays at Holiday Inn in Portsmouth. Numerous Junior Shaggers got their start in these classes

In 1991, Bill started shag lessons at Steppin' Out and became a member of the Virginia Beach Shag Club. Soon thereafter, he started helping with area shag classes at Steppin' Out, Upper Deck and also in Smithfield and Suffolk.

Shagging is where he met his bride, Steva (VSHOF, 2014). Together they won the Non-Pro division at the 2000 Beach Music Festival in Virginia Beach. Also, they participated in a fund raiser video for Junior Shaggers in Tidewater.

Bill was a strong advocate for all shaggers and enjoyed teaching young and old how to dance. He enjoyed traveling to shag events and representing VBSC. He participated in Shag Exhibitions and Instruction at various events throughout Tidewater, including:

- National Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Nauticus
- NATO
- VA Association of PE Teachers in Williamsburg, VA
- Norfolk Collegiate School Fundraiser
- Professional Woman's League
- Founders Inn Church Group
- Granby High School Reunion
- River City Shag Club fundraiser for Woman's Shelter in Elizabeth City, NC
- Joe's Job for VBSC Beach Bash
- Home and Craft Show at the Pavilion
- Business Women's League of Tidewater

Bill was a fabulous dancer who was passionate about promoting and sharing his knowledge of Shag.

Bill Williams passed away in 2021 and is fondly remembered by his wife, Steva, his family, friends and the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame membership.