



BOBBY KELLAM (1987)

In the early 50's, at age 14, Bobby started dancing, attending all dances at teenage clubs, VFWs, and Civic Centers in the Portsmouth, VA area. Shortly thereafter, approximately 1956, he started going to Virginia Beach where "The Real Dancing of The Time" was going on at The Top Hat, Mecca, Waverly Hotel, and Casino. These places were "jumpin" and had bands that you could really dance to.

A few miles up the beach to the North, was Ocean View with lots of dance clubs such as Billy's, Jolly Roger, and Ebb Tide. With many Tidewater, VA area clubs (e.g. the Moonlight Room, Geno's, Rendezvous, and Candlelight), they area offered great dance music so there was always somewhere to dance growing up in Virginia.

In the mid 70's and 80's, Ann (his wife) and he danced at various disco clubs at the beach hotels on the waterfront in Tidewater, VA.

He made his first trip to Myrtle Beach, SC in 1968, but didn't go on the Strand ("I didn't know it was there!") There was a club at each end of the Rt. 17 strip and that's where he danced. In 1981-1982, he began traveling to Myrtle Beach regularly on golf trips with his country club and found Ocean Drive...Cagney's, Fat Jack's, Harold's Across the Street, and later, Duck's, Spanish Galleon and Zack's.

All this brought back a lot of "Good Memories". The music was so great, and people still danced without jumping all over the place.

With his BSNHOF induction in 1994, he said "I'm 56 and having a GREAT TIME! GOD has been good to me and I thank him EVERYDAY".

Bobby Kellam was a charter member of the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame (1987), the Beach Shaggers National Hall of Fame as an awardee of the BSNHOF Charlie Boone award in 1994 (as one of only 13 ever so honored), and a member of the National Living Legends of Dance (1995).