

## **CHARLIE “CHAZ” KAHLER<sup>1</sup> (2008) (D)**

Charlie (Chaz) Kahler began dancing at age 15, at the Craddock Community Center, the Portsmouth YMCA, the Simonsdale Teen Center and various local Sock Hops. After his high school graduation, he took his dancing to the beach. Over the years, one could find Chaz at places such as the Top Hat, Mecca, Peppermint Beach Club, Tropicana and the Round Room. He could also be seen in Ocean View at the Ebb Tide, Jolly Roger, Vito's and the Oaks Inn at Chinese Corner. If there was a dance taking place, Chaz would be there. Married for 34 years, Chaz and his wife spent a lot of weekends dancing at the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club and the Ambassadors' Club (of which he was a member for 30 years).

After divorcing, Chaz joined the VBSC in 1989 and attended his first SOS that same year. He was hooked. He never missed an SOS up to his passing. He even saved all of his SOS cards from the first in 1989. His love of the dance, the music and the people was evident in the strong support he showed for any event which supported Beach Swing or Shag. Charlie was always one to attend the VBSC Beach Bash, VBSC-sponsored Charity Events, the Virginia Shaggers Hall of Fame induction party, the National Living Legends of Dance induction party and anywhere else “Fast Dancing” was being promoted and Beach Music was being played.

Charlie Kahler passed away on March 1, 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> The VSHOF has no picture image of Mr. Kahler to use with this profile and to include on the VSHOF member's page (<https://www.vshof.com/members-menu-page/>) If someone has a reliable picture of Mr. Kahler, please provide a copy to the VSHOF webmaster at: [jmitchell30@cox.net](mailto:jmitchell30@cox.net)