



FAYE RATCLIFFE (2009)

Faye moved to Norfolk from West Virginia when she was five years old, and moved back to West Virginia again when she was thirteen. After graduating from high school, Fay moved to Portsmouth, VA with her Dad. Faye has been dancing since she was eleven years of age. That is when her Mother taught her to "jitterbug". When Faye was in her late teens, she got a job with "The Arthur Murray Dance Studios." While working there she had the opportunity to learn ballroom dance which is a form of dance she still enjoys.

As an adult, Faye danced at the following local venues:

- Jolly Roger
- Top Hat
- Vito's
- Peppermint Lounge
- Pavilion at Ocean View
- USO - Portsmouth
- USO - Fort Story
- Savannah's
- Officer's Club - Fort Story
- Fat Roger's
- Holiday Inn - Portsmouth
- Mitty's - Newport News
- Catherine's
- Heart Break-Hampton/Newport News
- Steppin' Out

Of course, one could also add venues in North Myrtle Beach & Myrtle Beach where she travelled two or three times a year. She also visited other cities to support various dance club parties. Faye got married, moved all over the world, and raised a family. At some point after Faye became a widow, she became very active in the Virginia Beach Shag Club (VBSC). She taught line dancing every Wednesday night. Faye missed very few VBSC Wednesday night Mix 'n Mingle gatherings. Her participation as a member of the VBSC club included:

- Chairing Hospitality - 5 years
- Special Events
- Beach Bash Committee Charity
- Pouring beer at local Music Festivals

Faye was been involved with beach music and shag dancing for many years. "She is an excellent dancer and supports many Beach and Shag events. I have been going to the clubs with Faye for many years, and I still like watching her dance. She is such a smooth and elegant dancer" said Dick Davis (VSHOF 1992). Fay's slogan was:" Keep Dancing. It keeps the blood flowing!" Faye passed away on November 06, 2020.